

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 299

5 By: Senators H. Wilkins, Crumbly, Elliott, Steele
6 By: Representatives Allen, T. Baker, Blount, Carroll, Davis, Rainey, Williams, Word
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 *AN ACT TO REESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON RACIAL*
11 *PROFILING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

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14 *TO REESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON RACIAL*
15 *PROFILING.*
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – NOT TO BE CODIFIED.

21 Task Force on Racial Profiling established.

22 (a)(1) The task forces created by Acts 2003, No. 1207, and Acts 2005,
23 No. 2136, expired, respectively, on December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2006.
24 Since additional work by a task force is needed, there is created a task
25 force, consisting of thirteen (13) members, to be known as the “Task Force on
26 Racial Profiling”.

27 (2) The Governor shall appoint the members as follows:

28 (A) Four (4) members shall be active or retired law
29 enforcement officers or prosecuting attorneys;

30 (B) Three (3) members shall be associated with civil rights
31 or community organizations;

32 (C) Two (2) members shall be lawyers practicing
33 substantially in the field of criminal defense; and

34 (D) Four (4) members shall be citizen representatives.

35 (b)(1) Within thirty (30) days after all members are appointed, the



1 members shall meet to organize at a time and place determined by the
2 Governor.

3 (2) The task force shall select a member to serve as chair each
4 year.

5 (3) The task force shall meet as necessary to carry out its
6 duties under this act and at the call of the chair.

7 (c) There shall be no compensation for the members of the task force,
8 though each member may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with
9 Arkansas Code § 25-16-902 to the extent funds are available.

10 (d) General staff support and operating assistance for the task force
11 may be provided by *the Bureau of Legislative Research*.

12 (e) The task force shall:

13 (1) Monitor implementation and compliance with § 12-12-1401 et
14 seq., and reforms enacted by the Eighty-Seventh General Assembly;

15 (2) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the
16 Department of Arkansas State Police and the State Board of Education
17 regarding the public education and awareness campaigns on racial profiling;

18 (3) Study the effectiveness and feasibility of a racial
19 profiling data collection requirement in the State of Arkansas;

20 (4) Work with law enforcement agencies and civil rights advocates
21 to determine an effective and appropriate penalty for violating the
22 prohibition on racial profiling;

23 (5) Compile an annual report of all complaints and investigations
24 regarding racial profiling and provide the report to the Governor,
25 Legislative Council, and Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus of the General
26 Assembly;

27 (6) Report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and
28 Legislative Council before December 31, 2011; and

29 (7) Facilitates an annual symposium on racial profiling for the
30 Governor's office, Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus of the General Assembly,
31 Department of Arkansas State Police, and other interested persons to:

32 (A) Serve as a forum for dialogue to promote awareness and
33 understanding of racial profiling between the public, law enforcement
34 agencies, and other government agencies;

35 (B) Disseminate information and materials about the best
36 practices toward combating misinformation and prejudice;

1 (C) Provide assistance to community leaders and law
2 enforcement agencies in the fight against racial profiling; and

3 (D) Advocate and promote a state policy agenda that
4 establishes the best practices for addressing racial profiling.

5 (f) The task force shall expire on June 30, 2012.

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8 */s/ H. Wilkins*

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