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4 **By: Senator Todd**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL 625**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S  
9 DISEASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S  
14 DISEASE."

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

19 SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created the Governor's Task Force on  
20 Alzheimer's Disease.

21 (b) The task force shall be composed of *eighteen (18)* members to be  
22 appointed by the Governor. The task force shall include:

23 (1) one (1) member of the Arkansas Senate;

24 (2) one (1) member of the Arkansas House of Representatives;

25 (3) two (2) members representing long-term care facilities;

26 (4) two (2) physicians who devote a portion of their practice  
27 treating patients with Alzheimer's disease;

28 (5) the director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of  
29 the Department of Human Services;

30 (6) the director of the Center for Alzheimer's Disease of the  
31 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

32 (7) one (1) member from each of the eight (8) regions served by  
33 area offices on aging who is a resident of that region and is not an employee  
34 of the area office on aging;

35 (8) one (1) member representing the Arkansas Hospital

1 Association; and

2                   (9) one (1) member representing the Arkansas Alzheimer's  
3 Association.

4           (c) The members of the task force shall receive travel and hotel  
5 expenses incurred while actually engaged in the discharge of official duties.

6           (d) The task force members shall select co-chairmen from among their  
7 membership.

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9           SECTION 2. The Governor shall make the required appointments to the  
10 task force within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. The  
11 Governor shall call the first meeting of the task force within sixty (60) days  
12 of the effective date of this act. The task force shall thereafter meet as  
13 needed to accomplish the purposes of the task force as established by this  
14 act.

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16           SECTION 3. The purpose of the task force shall be to:

17           (1) study the effects of Alzheimer's disease on individuals afflicted  
18 with the disease, their families and the effects the disease has on the state  
19 as a whole;

20           (2) promote public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and its effects on  
21 individuals, families and the state;

22           (3) keep abreast of new research in the area;

23           (4) facilitate an exchange of information between the various agencies  
24 that are involved in research of Alzheimer's disease and treatment and support  
25 of Alzheimer's patients; and

26           (5) report to the Governor, upon request, as to its progress.

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28           SECTION 4. The task force shall present its final report to the  
29 Governor no later than November 1, 1994. This report shall include:

30           (1) the activities of the task force;

31           (2) the findings of the task force;

32           (3) any recommendations for programs, policies, or proposed legislation  
33 of the task force; and

34           (4) any other information the task force considers appropriate.

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1           SECTION 5. The task force shall terminate on May 1, 1995.

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3           SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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7           SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
9 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
11 act are declared to be severable.

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13           SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
14 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Senator Todd*

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