

1 SB319  
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3 By Senators Figures and Bussman  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama Sickle Cell  
9 Oversight and Regulatory Commission is charged with  
10 insuring delivery of sickle cell services to  
11 affected persons throughout the state.

12 This bill would allow the commission to  
13 remove a member after failing to attend three  
14 consecutive meetings.

15 This bill would also authorize the  
16 commission to promulgate rules for handling  
17 complaints regarding service and management of  
18 statewide programs.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 Relating to the Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory  
25 Commission; to amend Sections 22-10B-2 and 22-10B-3, Code of  
26 Alabama 1975, to allow the commission to remove a member after  
27 failing to attend three consecutive meetings; and to authorize

1 the commission to promulgate rules for handling complaints  
2 regarding service and management of statewide programs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Sections 22-10B-2 and 22-10B-3, Code of  
5 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

6 "§22-10B-2.

7 "(a) The commission shall consist of the following  
8 members:

9 "(1) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor.

10 "(2) One member shall be appointed by the University  
11 of South Alabama Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center.

12 "(3) One member shall be appointed by the University  
13 of Alabama-Birmingham.

14 "(4) One member shall be appointed by the Children's  
15 Hospital of Birmingham.

16 "(5) Each of the seven chapters of the Sickle Cell  
17 Disease Association of America-Alabama Chapter, Incorporated,  
18 shall appoint one member.

19 "(b) Appointees to the commission shall be citizens  
20 of this state and shall be subject to confirmation by the  
21 Senate, and upon confirmation, serve for a term of four years.  
22 The membership of the commission shall be inclusive and  
23 reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and  
24 economic diversity of the state. The commission shall annually  
25 report to the Legislature by the second legislative day of  
26 each regular session the extent to which the commission has  
27 complied with the diversity provisions of this subsection. In

1 the event of the death or resignation of any member of the  
2 commission, a successor shall be appointed by the original  
3 appointing authority and the successor appointed to the  
4 vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.  
5 The members shall elect from their membership a chair and a  
6 vice chair at an organizational meeting held no later than 30  
7 days after appointments to the commission are confirmed.

8 "(c) Members of the commission shall receive no  
9 salaries but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary  
10 expenditures incurred in the performance of their official  
11 duties pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36.  
12 Expenses of the commission are to be paid from funds available  
13 to the commission.

14 "(d) A member who has failed to attend three  
15 consecutive properly noticed meetings may be removed at the  
16 request of the commission.

17 "§22-10B-3.

18 "The Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory  
19 Commission shall be designated as the agency to insure the  
20 delivery of sickle cell services pursuant to Section 22-10B-5  
21 to affected persons in all counties in Alabama and assist in  
22 establishing geographical service delivery boundaries. The  
23 commission shall promulgate guidelines for creating uniformity  
24 in the delivery of services and the management of statewide  
25 programs. The commission shall also promulgate rules pursuant  
26 to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act for handling  
27 complaints regarding service and management of statewide

1     programs and addressing any other discrepancies brought to the  
2     attention of the commission."

3             Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
4     first day of the third month following its passage and  
5     approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.