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CREATING THE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a growing health problem in the United States; a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control determined that 16.8 percent of all adults above the age of 20 years have CKD; and

WHEREAS, one in six individuals have kidney disease, with over 400,000 patients on dialysis or receiving kidney transplants, and 67,000 people die each year because of kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, CKD is more prevalent among individuals above 60 years of age and among Hispanic, African-American, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Native American people; and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Alabama, the Alabama Kidney Foundation, and the American Kidney Fund encourage efforts to educate Americans, particularly those in high-risk communities, about CKD and to provide strategies for preventing or slowing the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, appropriate government agencies as well as private entities would be able to allocate resources to

1 reducing the human toll and economic burden of CKD; now
2 therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Chronic Kidney Disease
5 Task Force is hereby created.

6 (a) The task force shall consist of the following
7 members:

8 (1) Two members of the Alabama House of
9 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives.

11 (2) Two members of the Alabama Senate appointed by
12 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

13 (3) The State Health Officer, or his or her
14 designee.

15 (4) Two practicing nephrologists appointed by the
16 Lieutenant Governor.

17 (5) Two practicing nephrologists appointed by the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 (6) Three members appointed by the Alabama Kidney
20 Foundation.

21 (7) The Director of the Alabama Department of Senior
22 Services, or his or her designee.

23 (8) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
24 Human Resources, or his or her designee.

25 (9) Two members who are representatives of
26 nephrology patient advocacy groups appointed by the Governor.

1 (10) Three members appointed by the Alabama Council
2 of Nephrology Social Workers.

3 (11) Three members appointed by the American
4 Nephrology Nurses Association.

5 (b) Members shall serve without compensation. The
6 membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect
7 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic
8 diversity of the state.

9 (c) The task force shall assess the current and
10 future impact of CKD on residents of Alabama, shall examine
11 the existing industries, services, and resources addressing
12 the needs of persons with CKD and their families and
13 caregivers, and shall develop a strategy to help mobilize a
14 state response to CKD.

15 (d) The task force shall include an examination of
16 the following in its assessment and recommendations:

17 (1) Trends in state CKD population and needs,
18 including the changing population with CKD and other
19 complications associated with getting treatment for CKD
20 including, but not limited to, Medicaid eligibility and
21 transportation needs for CKD patients.

22 (2) The state role in long-term care, family
23 caregiver support, and assistance to persons with CKD and its
24 complications.

25 (3) State policy regarding the effective treatment
26 and prevention of CKD.

1 (e) No action of the task force shall be construed
2 as authorizing or allowing the establishment of any medical
3 rule, regulation, policy, protocol, regimen, practice, or
4 medical standard of care.

5 (f) The Speaker of the House of Representatives
6 shall set the date of the first meeting of the task force, at
7 which the members of the task force shall elect a chair and a
8 vice chair. Thereafter, the task force shall meet at the call
9 of the chair or at the call of a majority of the members
10 thereof.

11 (g) The task force shall hold public meetings and
12 utilize technological means, such as web casts, to gather
13 feedback on recommendations from the general public and from
14 persons and families affected by CKD.

15 (h) The CKD Task Force shall regularly update the
16 members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation and shall
17 solicit their participation in addressing the significant
18 health care and transportation needs of Alabama citizens with
19 CKD.

20 (i) The chair of the task force shall create and
21 appoint members to not more than three advisory sub-task
22 forces, which shall include members of the task force,
23 representatives from governmental agencies, and members of the
24 public with interest and expertise in the objectives of the
25 task force. Each advisory sub-task force shall be cochaired by
26 a member of the task force and a nonlegislative task force
27 member elected by the members of the sub-task force.

1 (j) The task force shall submit its findings and
2 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in the
3 form of a State CKD Plan no later than the end of the
4 quadrennium in which the task force was created at which time
5 the task force shall stand dissolved.

6 (k) Each legislative member of the task force and
7 each legislative member of any advisory sub-task force shall
8 be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation,
9 his or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or
10 she attends a meeting of the task force or a sub-task force,
11 which shall be paid out of any funds appropriated for the use
12 of the Legislature, upon warrants drawn by the Comptroller,
13 upon requisitions signed by the task force chair. Legislative
14 members may not receive additional legislative compensation or
15 per diem for a regular or special session meeting day or
16 committee meeting day of any special or regular session, or if
17 a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates
18 for attendance on other state business. Nonlegislative members
19 of the task force and advisory sub-task forces may be
20 reimbursed for meetings according to the policies and
21 procedures of the respective agencies and groups represented.

22 (l) The annual expenses of the task force may not
23 exceed \$10,000.