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3 By Representative Wren  
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4 CREATING THE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE.  
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6 WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a growing  
7 health problem in the United States; a recent report by the  
8 Centers for Disease Control determined that 16.8 percent of  
9 all adults above the age of 20 years have CKD; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, appropriate government agencies as well as  
23 private entities would be able to allocate resources to  
24 reducing the human toll and economic burden of CKD; now  
25 therefore,

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

4                   (a) The task force shall consist of the following  
5                   members:

6                   (1) Two members of the Alabama House of  
7                   Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
8                   Representatives.

9                   (2) Two members of the Alabama Senate appointed by  
10                  the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

11                  (3) The State Health Officer, or his or her  
12                  designee.

13                  (4) Two practicing nephrologists appointed by the  
14                  Lieutenant Governor.

15                  (5) Two practicing nephrologists appointed by the  
16                  Speaker of the House of Representatives.

17                  (6) Three members appointed by the Alabama Kidney  
18                  Foundation.

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

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

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

25                  (10) Three members appointed by the Alabama Council  
26                  of Nephrology Social Workers.

1           (11) Three members appointed by the American  
2 Nephrology Nurses Association.

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

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

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

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

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

23           (3) State policy regarding the effective treatment  
24 and prevention of CKD.

25           (e) No action of the task force shall be construed  
26 as authorizing or allowing the establishment of any medical

1 rule, regulation, policy, protocol, regimen, practice, or  
2 medical standard of care.

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

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

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

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

26 (j) The task force shall submit its findings and  
27 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in the

1 form of a State CKD Plan no later than the tenth legislative  
2 day of the 2015 Regular Session, at which time the task force  
3 shall stand dissolved.

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

23 (l) The annual expenses of the task force may not  
24 exceed \$1,000, with the total expenses of the committee not  
25 exceeding \$4,000.

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