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3 By Representative Wren
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CREATING THE CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease 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 chronic kidney disease; 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, chronic kidney disease 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 chronic kidney disease (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 reducing the human toll and economic burden of chronic kidney disease; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force is hereby created. The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two members of the Alabama Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(2) Two members of the Alabama House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

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

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

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

(6) Two members appointed by the Alabama Kidney Foundation.

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

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

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

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

(11) Two members appointed by the American
Nephrology Nurses Association

1 Members shall serve without compensation. The
2 membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect
3 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic
4 diversity of the state. The sponsor of this resolution shall
5 call the first meeting of the task force at which the members
6 shall elect a chair and vice-chair.

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

13 The task force shall include an examination of the
14 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 The task force shall hold public meetings and
26 utilize technological means, such as web casts, to gather

1 feedback on the recommendations from the general public and
2 from persons and families affected by CKD.

3 The CKD Task Force shall regularly update the
4 members of Alabama's Congressional Delegation and shall
5 solicit their participation in addressing the significant
6 health care and transportation needs of Alabama citizens with
7 Chronic Kidney Disease.

8 The chair of the task force shall create and appoint
9 members to not more than three advisory sub-task forces, which
10 shall include members of the task force, representatives from
11 governmental agencies, and members of the public with interest
12 and expertise in the objectives of the task force. Each
13 advisory sub-task force shall be cochaired by a member of the
14 task force and a non-legislative task force member elected by
15 the members of the sub-task force.

16 The task force shall submit its findings and
17 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in the
18 form of a State CKD Plan no later than the end of the
19 quadrennium in which the task force was created at which time
20 the task force shall stand dissolved.

21 Each legislative member of the task force and each
22 legislative member of any advisory sub-task force shall be
23 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his
24 or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she
25 attends a meeting of the task force or a sub-task force, which
26 shall be paid out of any funds appropriated for the use of the
27 Legislature, upon warrants drawn by the state Comptroller,

1 upon requisitions signed by the task force chair; provided,
2 however, legislative members shall not receive additional
3 legislative compensation or per diem for a regular or special
4 session meeting day or committee meeting day of any special or
5 regular session, or if a member is being paid any other
6 payments on the same dates for attendance on other state
7 business. Non-legislative members of the task force and
8 advisory sub-task forces may be reimbursed for meetings
9 according to the policies and procedures of the respective
10 agencies and groups represented.

11 The annual expenses of the task force shall not
12 exceed \$1.000.

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