

1 HJR380  
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3 By Representatives Rogers, Moore (M) and Robinson (O)  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 12-APR-12

8                   CREATING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH CARE SERVICE  
9 INTERIM TASK FORCE.  
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11                   WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of  
12 Alabama to provide the finest quality of modern health care  
13 services possible to its citizens including those citizens who  
14 are unable to pay for their health care; now therefore,

15                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Jefferson County Health  
17 Care Service Interim Task Force is hereby created.

18                   (a) The task force shall be composed of the  
19 following members:

20                   (1) The Chief Executive Officer of Cooper Green  
21 Mercy Hospital or his or her designee.

22                   (2) The Dean of the University of Alabama at  
23 Birmingham or his or her designee.

24                   (3) The Director of the Jefferson County Health  
25 Department or his or her designee.

26                   (4) The Jefferson County Health Department  
27 administrator or his or her designee.

1           (5) The Chief Executive Officer of the University of  
2 Alabama at Birmingham or his or her designee.

3           (6) A member of the Cooper Green Mercy Hospital  
4 Advisory Committee appointed by the Chief Executive Office of  
5 the Cooper Green Mercy Hospital.

6           (b) The task force may utilize any and all available  
7 expertise and resources of governmental, academic, financial,  
8 educational, or legal organizations in conducting its  
9 business.

10           (c) The Governor shall set a date for the first  
11 meeting of the task force at which a chair and vice chair of  
12 the task force shall be elected by a majority vote from among  
13 the task force members. The vice chair shall serve as acting  
14 chair in the absence or incapacity of the chair. The task  
15 force shall meet at times and locations as specified by a call  
16 of the chair or upon a vote of four or more task force  
17 members.

18           (d) The task force shall do all of the following:

19           (1) Study all aspects of adequacy of funding,  
20 services rendered, performance, and comparative health care  
21 for the indigent citizens of Jefferson County.

22           (2) Develop a mission statement for the delivery of  
23 proper health care to the indigent citizens of Jefferson  
24 County.

25           (3) Study the transfer of the Cooper Green Mercy  
26 Hospital property to a health care authority.

1           (4) Study and develop plans for the creation of the  
2       Jefferson County Health Care Authority.

3           (e) Upon the request of the chair, the Clerk of the  
4       House of Representatives shall provide necessary clerical  
5       assistance for the work of the task force.

6           (f) The task force shall submit its initial report  
7       to the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation within 90 days  
8       after the effective date of this resolution, and a final  
9       report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations shall  
10      be submitted to the Legislature no later than the fifth  
11      legislative day of the 2013 Regular Session, whereupon the  
12      task force shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further  
13      duties and liabilities. Each member of the task force shall be  
14      entitled to the same travel and per diem expenses as paid to  
15      state employees for each day he or she attends a meeting of  
16      the task force. Upon requisitions signed by the chair of the  
17      task force, these payments shall be paid out of any funds  
18      appropriated to the use of the Legislature by means of  
19      warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State Treasury. The  
20      total expenditures of the task force shall not exceed five  
21      thousand dollars (\$5,000).