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3 By Representatives Rogers, Moore (M) and Robinson (O)  
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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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