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8 CREATING THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE TASK FORCE.  
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10 WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor  
11 Statistics, nearly 20 percent of all health care workers in  
12 the United States have left the field since the start of the  
13 COVID-19 pandemic; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is experiencing a  
15 shortage of health care workers; and

16 WHEREAS, many hospitals and health care facilities  
17 throughout the state are struggling with staffing shortages,  
18 and the shortage is placing a strain on the dedicated health  
19 care professionals who remain in the workforce; and

20 WHEREAS, there is a critical need to solve the  
21 health care worker shortage; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the  
24 Health Care Workforce Task Force to study and suggest  
25 solutions to address the medical professional shortages in the  
26 state.

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

(1) One member appointed by the Governor.

(2) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

(3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

(4) Two members appointed by the Alabama Hospital Association, one representing a rural hospital and one representing an urban hospital.

(5) One member appointed by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

(6) Two members appointed by the Alabama Nursing Home Association, one representing a rural nursing home and one representing an urban nursing home.

(7) One member appointed by the Alabama Dental Association.

(8) One member appointed by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

(9) One member appointed by the Alabama State Nurses Association.

(10) One member appointed by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

(11) One member appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Community College System.

(12) One member appointed by the Alabama State Board of Education.

(b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments to assure that the task force is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(c) The first meeting of the task force shall be held at the call of the Governor no later than 60 days after this resolution's passage, at which the task force shall elect a chair. The task force may then meet as necessary to conduct business.

(d) The task force shall prepare a report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for any proposed reform legislation to the Legislature not later than the third legislative day of each regular Legislative session. In preparing its report, the task force shall include recommendations to address the shortage of health care workers in the state. Upon the filing of its report with the Legislature in the 2026 Regular Session, the task force shall stand dissolved and discharged of any future duties and liabilities.

(e) Each appointing authority named herein shall be provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.