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8 CREATING THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.

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10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the  
12 Alzheimer's Disease Task Force.

13 (a) The membership of the task force shall consist  
14 of all of the following:

15 (1) The Chair of the House of Representatives Health  
16 Committee or its successor.

17 (2) The Chair of the Senate Health Committee or its  
18 successor.

19 (3) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental  
20 Health, or his or her designee.

21 (4) The Director of the Department of Public Health,  
22 or his or her designee.

23 (5) The Director of the Department of Senior  
24 Services, or his or her designee.

25 (6) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency,  
26 or his or her designee.

1                   (7) The Commissioner of the Department of Human  
2 Resources, or his or her designee.

3                   (8) The Director of the Dementia Education Training  
4 Program.

5                   (9) A member of the House of Representatives,  
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7                   (10) A member of the Senate, appointed by the  
8 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

9                   (11) A representative of the nursing facility  
10 industry, appointed by the Nursing Home Association.

11                   (12) A representative of the assisted living  
12 industry, appointed by the Board of Examiners of Assisted  
13 Living Administrators.

14                   (13) A representative of the State Department of  
15 Veterans' Affairs, appointed by the department.

16                   (14) A representative of the adult day care services  
17 industry, appointed by the Department of Senior Services.

18                   (15) A representative of the probate judges  
19 association, appointed by the association.

20                   (16) A representative of the Alzheimer's Foundation  
21 of the South in Mobile, Alabama, appointed by the foundation.

22                   (17) A representative of Alzheimer's of Central  
23 Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama, appointed by the organization.

24                   (18) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association  
25 of North Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama, appointed by the  
26 association.

1                   (19) A representative of the Alzheimer's  
2 Organization-Greater Montgomery Area, appointed by the  
3 organization.

4                   (20) A representative of the Alzheimer's Resource  
5 Center in Dothan, Alabama, appointed by the center.

6                   (21) A representative of the Alabama Silver Haired  
7 Legislature, appointed by the membership of that body.

8                   (22) An at-large member, appointed by the Governor.

9                   (23) An at-large member, appointed by the Department  
10 of Mental Health.

11                   (24) A representative of the medical profession,  
12 appointed by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

13                   (25) A representative of the State Board of Health,  
14 appointed by the State Board of Health.

15                   (26) A representative of the Alabama Association of  
16 Retired Persons, appointed by the association.

17                   (27) The following members appointed by the  
18 Governor:

19                   a. A person with dementia, appointed from a list of  
20 three names submitted by the Department of Mental Health.

21                   b. A caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease,  
22 appointed from a list of three names submitted by the  
23 Department of Mental Health.

24                   c. An Alzheimer's disease researcher, appointed from  
25 a list of three names submitted by the Department of Mental  
26 Health.

1           (28) Additional members may be added by majority  
2 vote of the membership of the task force.

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. The Governor shall call the first  
7 meeting of the task force at which time the members shall  
8 elect a chair and a vice chair from among the membership of  
9 the task force.

10          (c) The task force shall assess the current and  
11 future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias on  
12 the residents of Alabama, shall examine the existing long-term  
13 care industries, services, health care manpower, and resources  
14 addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease,  
15 their families, and caregivers, and shall develop a strategy  
16 to mobilize a state response to the crisis produced by  
17 dementia such as Alzheimer's disease.

18          (d) The task force shall include an examination of  
19 all of the following in its assessment and recommendations:

20           (1) Trends in state Alzheimer's disease population  
21 and needs, including the changing population with dementia,  
22 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

23           a. The state role in long-term care, family  
24 caregiver support, and assistance to persons with early-stage  
25 and early onset of Alzheimer's disease.

26           b. The state policy regarding persons with dementia  
27 such as Alzheimer's disease.

1           (2) Existing services, resources, and capacity  
2 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

3           a. Type, cost, and availability of dementia  
4 services.

5           b. Dementia-specific training requirements for  
6 long-term care staff.

7           c. Quality care measures for residential care  
8 facilities.

9           d. Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to  
10 respond to persons with dementia such as Alzheimer's disease.

11           e. Availability of home-based and community-based  
12 resources for persons with dementias such as Alzheimer's  
13 disease and respite care to assist families.

14           f. Inventory of long-term care dementia care units  
15 for persons with significant behavioral problems.

16           g. Adequacy and appropriateness of  
17 geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior  
18 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related  
19 dementia.

20           h. Adequacy of community hospitals to provide  
21 appropriate health services to persons with dementia.

22           i. Adequacy of the probate system to approve and  
23 monitor guardians for persons with dementia.

24           j. Adequacy of existing resources within the  
25 criminal justice system to protect the civil and financial  
26 rights of persons with dementia.

1 k. Availability of appropriate resources for persons  
2 under the age of 60 with dementia.

3 l. Availability of memory screening service for  
4 early detection and treatment.

5 m. Availability of dementia prevention programs.

6 n. Assisted living residential options for persons  
7 with dementia.

8 o. State support of Alzheimer's disease research  
9 through universities and other resources.

10 p. Examine health care disparities for minority  
11 populations with dementia.

12 (3) Needed state policies or responses, including,  
13 but not limited to, directions for the provision of clear and  
14 coordinated services and supports to persons and families  
15 living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and  
16 strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

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

18 (1) Examine the level of integration of efforts by  
19 responsible state and county agencies to address current and  
20 future challenges to good care, including the state university  
21 system's capacity to produce critical health care  
22 professionals.

23 (2) Hold public meetings and utilize technological  
24 means, such as web casts, to gather feedback on the  
25 recommendations from the general public and from persons and  
26 families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

1                   (3) Submit its findings and recommendations to the  
2 Governor and the Legislature in the form of a State  
3 Alzheimer's Disease Plan no later than March 1, 2014, at which  
4 time the task force shall terminate.

5                   (f) The recommendations of the task force may not be  
6 considered a medical protocol, guideline, or standard of care  
7 for the treatment of any disease or condition.

8                   (g) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of  
9 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
10 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the task  
11 force and the Department of Mental Health shall provide  
12 necessary administrative support for the task force.

13                   (h) The total expenditures of the task force shall  
14 not exceed \$5,000.