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6 CREATING THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.

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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Elsie  
10 Burroughs Davis Alzheimer's Disease Task Force.

11 (a) The membership of the task force shall consist  
12 of all of the following:

13 (1) The Chair of the House of Representatives Health  
14 Committee or its successor.

15 (2) The Chair of the Senate Health Committee or its  
16 successor.

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

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

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

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

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

1                   (8) The Director of the Dementia Education Training  
2 Program.

3                   (9) A member of the House of Representatives,  
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5                   (10) A member of the Senate, appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

16                   (15) A representative of the probate judges  
17 association, appointed by the association.

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

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

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

25                   (19) A representative of the Alzheimer's  
26 Organization-Greater Montgomery Area, appointed by the  
27 organization.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (25) A representative of the State Board of Health,  
11 appointed by the State Board of Health.

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

14 (27) The following members appointed by the  
15 Governor:

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

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

21 c. An Alzheimer's disease researcher, appointed from  
22 a list of three names submitted by the Department of Mental  
23 Health.

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

26 (b) Members shall serve without compensation. The  
27 membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect

1 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic  
2 diversity of the state. The Governor shall call the first  
3 meeting of the task force at which time the members shall  
4 elect a chair and a vice chair from among the membership of  
5 the task force.

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

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

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

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

22 b. The state policy regarding persons with dementia  
23 such as Alzheimer's disease.

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

26 a. Type, cost, and availability of dementia  
27 services.

1                   b. Dementia-specific training requirements for  
2 long-term care staff.

3                   c. Quality care measures for residential care  
4 facilities.

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

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

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

12                  g. Adequacy and appropriateness of  
13 geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior  
14 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related  
15 dementia.

16                  h. Adequacy of community hospitals to provide  
17 appropriate health services to persons with dementia.

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

20                  j. Adequacy of existing resources within the  
21 criminal justice system to protect the civil and financial  
22 rights of persons with dementia.

23                  k. Availability of appropriate resources for persons  
24 under the age of 60 with dementia.

25                  l. Availability of memory screening service for  
26 early detection and treatment.

27                  m. Availability of dementia prevention programs.

1           n. Assisted living residential options for persons  
2 with dementia.

3           o. State support of Alzheimer's disease research  
4 through universities and other resources.

5           p. Examine health care disparities for minority  
6 populations with dementia.

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

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

13           (1) Examine the level of integration of efforts by  
14 responsible state and county agencies to address current and  
15 future challenges to good care, including the state university  
16 system's capacity to produce critical health care  
17 professionals.

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

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

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

4                   (g) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of  
5 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
6 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the task  
7 force and the Department of Mental Health shall provide  
8 necessary administrative support for the task force.

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



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