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15 Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Shedd,  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA STUDY COMMISSION FOR  
4 GYNECOLOGIC CANCERS.  
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6 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the prevalence  
7 of gynecologic cancers in Alabama, the efficacy of existing  
8 efforts for early diagnosis and treatment, and the need for  
9 the identification of unmet needs for patients and families;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, identification and presentation of the  
12 issues and solutions relative to gynecologic cancers in  
13 Alabama should be considered and addressed by a team of  
14 experts and representatives including: patients, survivors,  
15 caregivers, medical specialists, research specialists, and  
16 advocates for gynecologic awareness and support; now  
17 therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama  
20 Study Commission for Gynecologic Cancers.

21 (a) The Commission shall study and report on the  
22 following:

23 (1) Establishing a mechanism to ascertain the  
24 prevalence of gynecologic cancers in the state, and to the  
25 extent possible, collecting statistics relative to the timing

1 of diagnosis and risk factors associated with gynecologic  
2 cancer.

3 (2) Determining how to best effectuate early  
4 diagnosis and treatment for gynecologic cancer patients.

5 (3) Determining any unmet needs of persons with  
6 gynecologic cancers and those of their families.

7 (4) Providing recommendations for additional  
8 legislation, support programs, and resources to meet the unmet  
9 needs of persons with gynecologic cancers and their families.

10 (b) Membership of the Alabama Study Commission for  
11 Gynecologic Cancers shall be comprised of the following:

12 (1) A representative of the Alabama Comprehensive  
13 Cancer Control Coalition.

14 (2) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
15 Insurance, or his or her designee.

16 (3) Three members appointed by the President Pro  
17 Tempore of the Senate, as follows:

18 a. One of whom shall be a survivor of ovarian  
19 cancer.

20 b. One of whom shall be a survivor of cervical,  
21 vaginal, vulvar, or uterine cancer.

22 c. One of whom shall be a medical specialist in  
23 gynecologic cancer.

24 (4) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the  
25 House of Representatives, as follows:

1           a. One of whom shall be a survivor of ovarian  
2 cancer.

3           b. One of whom shall be a survivor of cervical,  
4 vaginal, vulvar, or uterine cancer.

5           c. One of whom shall be a medical specialist in  
6 gynecologic cancer.

7           (5) Seven members appointed by the Governor as  
8 follows:

9           a. One of whom shall be a caregiver of a woman  
10 diagnosed with gynecologic cancer.

11          b. One of whom shall be a medical specialist in  
12 gynecologic cancers.

13          c. Two of whom shall be individuals representing  
14 gynecologic cancers awareness and support groups in the state.

15          d. One of whom shall be a researcher specializing in  
16 gynecologic cancers.

17          e. Two of whom shall be members of the public with  
18 demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the  
19 commission.

20          (6) A representative of the Alabama Comprehensive  
21 Cancer Control Coalition.

22          (7) A representative of the Alabama Statewide Cancer  
23 Registry who is an epidemiologist.

24          (c) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
25 their appointments to assure membership of the Alabama Study

1 Commission for Gynecologic Cancers is inclusive and reflects  
2 the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic  
3 diversity of the state.

4 (d) (1) Appointments to the commission shall be made  
5 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

6 (2) The commission shall hold its first meeting no  
7 later than July 1, 2018, with the date, time, and location of  
8 the meeting designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
9 Senate.

10 (3) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect  
11 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the  
12 commission, and shall set dates, times, and locations of  
13 subsequent meetings.

14 (e) The House of Representatives and the Senate  
15 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the  
16 commission to perform its duties.

17 (f) Members of the commission shall serve without  
18 compensation or reimbursement from the commission, but may be  
19 reimbursed for necessary expenses to attend meetings of the  
20 commission according to the policies and procedures of the  
21 respective appointing authority.

22 (g) The commission shall submit its findings and  
23 recommendations in writing to the President Pro Tempore of the  
24 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
25 Governor, the Senate Chair of the Health and Human Services

1 Committee, and the House Chair of the Health Committee no  
2 later than March 5, 2019, at which time the commission shall  
3 be dissolved.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all state agencies are  
5 urged to cooperate fully with the commission in accomplishing  
6 the objectives of the commission, and that a copy of this  
7 resolution be presented to the appointing authorities set out  
8 above so that our sincere and continuing interest in this  
9 matter is known.

