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12 Knight, Lawrence, Ledbetter, Lee, Lindsey, Lovvorn, Martin,
13 McCampbell, McClammy, McCutcheon, McMillan, Millican, Mooney,
14 Moore (B), Moore (M), Morrow, Nordgren, Pettus, Polizos,
15 Poole, Pringle, Rich, Rogers, Sanderford, Scott, Sells, Shedd,
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8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA STUDY COMMISSION FOR
9 GYNECOLOGIC CANCERS.

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the prevalence
12 of gynecologic cancers in Alabama, the efficacy of existing
13 efforts for early diagnosis and treatment, and the need for
14 the identification of unmet needs for patients and families;
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16 WHEREAS, identification and presentation of the
17 issues and solutions relative to gynecologic cancers in
18 Alabama should be considered and addressed by a team of
19 experts and representatives including: patients, survivors,
20 caregivers, medical specialists, research specialists, and
21 advocates for gynecologic awareness and support; now
22 therefore,

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

26 (a) The Commission shall study and report on the
27 following:

1 (1) Establishing a mechanism to ascertain the
2 prevalence of gynecologic cancers in the state, and to the
3 extent possible, collecting statistics relative to the timing
4 of diagnosis and risk factors associated with gynecologic
5 cancer.

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

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

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

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

15 (1) A representative of the Alabama Comprehensive
16 Cancer Control Coalition.

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

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

21 a. One of whom shall be a survivor of ovarian
22 cancer.

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

25 c. One of whom shall be a medical specialist in
26 gynecologic cancer.

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

3 a. One of whom shall be a survivor of ovarian
4 cancer.

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

7 c. One of whom shall be a medical specialist in
8 gynecologic cancer.

9 (5) Seven members appointed by the Governor as
10 follows:

11 a. One of whom shall be a caregiver of a woman
12 diagnosed with gynecologic cancer.

13 b. One of whom shall be a medical specialist in
14 gynecologic cancers.

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

17 d. One of whom shall be a researcher specializing in
18 gynecologic cancers.

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

22 (6) A representative of the Alabama Comprehensive
23 Cancer Control Coalition.

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

26 (c) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
27 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
26 Committee, and the House Chair of the Health Committee no

1 later than March 5, 2019, at which time the commission shall
2 be dissolved.

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