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2 By Senator Butler
3 RFD: State Governmental Affairs
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the State Board of Genetic Counseling; to
5 amend Sections 34-13A-3 and 34-13A-10, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 to authorize the board to conduct regular meetings by
7 electronic means; and to authorize the board to make grants to
8 develop training and continuing education programs for genetic
9 counselors.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Sections 34-13A-3 and 34-13A-10 of the Code
12 of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

13 "§34-13A-3

14 (a) The State Board of Genetic Counseling is created to
15 implement and administer this chapter.

16 (b) The membership of the board shall consist of all of
17 the following:

18 (1) One individual appointed by the Department of
19 Genetics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

20 (2) Four individuals who practice genetic counseling in
21 Alabama and who hold a master's degree or doctoral degree in
22 genetic counseling from an ACGC or ABMGG accredited training
23 program, or an equivalent program approved by the ACGC or the
24 ABMGG, appointed by the Governor.

25 (3) One physician appointed by the Medical Association
26 of the State of Alabama.

27 (4) One physician appointed by the State Board of
28 Medical Examiners.



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29 (5) One physician who specializes in pediatric genetics
30 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

31 (6) One physician appointed by the Speaker of the House
32 of Representatives.

33 (c) Board members appointed by the Governor shall serve
34 for terms of two years and, upon the expiration of a term, may
35 continue to serve until replaced or reappointed. All other
36 board members shall serve until they are replaced by their
37 respective appointing authority.

38 (d) The board shall annually elect from its membership
39 a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary.

40 (e) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
41 appointments ~~so that diversity of~~ to assure the board
42 membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, ~~race,~~
43 ~~and geographical areas is reflective of the makeup~~ geographic,
44 urban, rural, and economic diversity of this state.

45 (f) Unless acting unreasonably or in bad faith, no
46 member of the board shall be civilly liable for acting within
47 the scope of his or her duties as a board member.

48 (g) Members of the board shall serve without
49 compensation but, to the extent funds are available, may
50 receive the same per diem and travel allowance as state
51 employees.

52 (h) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), members
53 of the board may participate in a regular meeting of the board
54 by means of telephone conference, video conference, or similar
55 communications equipment pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings
56 Act.



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57 (2) Members of the board may only participate in a
58 meeting of the board relating to a disciplinary action in
59 person."

60 "§34-13A-10

61 There is established in the State Treasury a separate
62 special revenue trust fund known as the Genetic Counseling
63 Fund. All receipts collected by the board pursuant to this
64 chapter shall be deposited into the fund and shall be used
65 only to implement this chapter. The receipts shall be
66 disbursed only by warrant of the Comptroller upon the State
67 Treasury, upon itemized vouchers approved by the executive
68 director, or the board if no executive director is employed.

69 The board may make grants, and otherwise arrange with
70 qualified individuals, institutions, or agencies to develop
71 and promote genetic counseling programs and continuing
72 education programs for licensees. No funds may be withdrawn or
73 expended except as budgeted and allotted according to Sections
74 41-4-80 to 41-4-96, inclusive, and Sections 41-19-1 to
75 41-19-12, inclusive, and only in amounts as stipulated in the
76 general appropriations bill or other appropriations bills."

77 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
78 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
79 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 16-May-23
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 01-Jun-23

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