



**House Boards, Agencies and Commissions Reported
Substitute for SB128**

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission until October 1, 2030, with certain modifications; to amend Sections 22-10B-1 and 22-10B-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to place the commission as a division within the Alabama Department of Public Health; to require the department to provide all necessary administrative services for the commission; to authorize the department to provide for an executive director and outside experts for the commission; to transfer all property of the commission to the department; to change board members from being appointed subject to confirmation by the Senate to serving upon appointment unless and until rejected by the Senate; and to repeal Section 22-10B-7, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission until October



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1, 2030, with additional recommendation for statutory change as set out in **Sections 3 and 4**.

Section 2. The existence and functioning of the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission, created and functioning pursuant to Sections 22-10B-1 to 22-10B-7, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued until October 1, 2030, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

Section 3. Section 22-10B-1 and 22-10B-2, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§22-10B-1

(a) There is created and, beginning on October 1, 2026, established as a division within the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission.

(b) The department shall provide to the commission all administrative services necessary for the commission to carry out its duties, including:

(1) Financial services;

(2) Legal services;

(3) Dedicated office space;

(4) Administrative staff, who are shared with or dedicated solely to the commission, and other personnel as necessary for the efficient operation of the commission;

(5) Information technology services, including website maintenance and dedicated phone lines and email addresses for commission members and staff; and

(6) Necessary office furniture and supplies.

(c) (1) Any contract or binding agreement for



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administrative services executed by the commission before the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until expiration or termination as provided by its terms. After expiration or termination, the department shall assume all administrative services provided by subsection (b).

(2) The commission may enter into a contract or other agreement for the provision of administrative services so long as the agreement terminates on or before October 1, 2026.

(d) When necessary, the department may retain the services of outside experts, including an executive director, accountants, attorneys, and consultants using funds appropriated for use by the commission on behalf of the commission.

(e) On October 1, 2026, all real and personal property and all other effects of the commission shall transfer to the department."

"§22-10B-2

(a) The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor.

(2) One member shall be appointed by the University of South Alabama Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center.

(3) One member shall be appointed by the University of ~~Alabama-Birmingham~~ Alabama at Birmingham.

(4) One member shall be appointed by ~~the Children's Hospital of Birmingham~~ Alabama.

(5) Each of the seven chapters of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America-Alabama Chapter, Incorporated,



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shall appoint one member.

(b) (1) Appointees to the commission shall be ~~citizens~~
residents of this state and shall ~~be subject to confirmation~~
~~by the Senate, and upon confirmation,~~ serve for a term of four
years. The membership of the commission shall be inclusive and
reflect the racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban,
rural, and economic diversity of the state. The commission
shall annually report to the Legislature by the second
legislative day of each regular session the extent to which
the commission has complied with the diversity provisions of
this ~~subsection~~ subdivision. In the event of the death or
resignation of any member of the commission, a successor shall
be appointed by the original appointing authority and the
successor appointed to the vacancy shall serve for the
remainder of the unexpired term. The members shall elect from
their membership a chair and a vice chair at an organizational
meeting held no later than 30 days after appointments to the
commission are confirmed.

(2) All appointees shall serve their appointed terms
unless the Senate elects to consider and then rejects an
appointment. The entire Senate or the Senate Committee on
Confirmations may elect to consider an appointment. If an
appointment is rejected by the Senate Committee on
Confirmations, the rejection shall be considered a rejection
by the entire Senate.

(c) Members of the commission shall receive no salaries
but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenditures
incurred in the performance of their official duties pursuant



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113 to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36. Expenses of the
114 commission are to be paid from funds available to the
115 commission.

116 (d) A member who has failed to attend three consecutive
117 properly noticed meetings may be removed at the request of the
118 commission."

119 Section 4. Section 22-10B-7, Code of Alabama 1975,
120 relating to the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory
121 Commission, is repealed.

122 Section 5. The Legislature concurs in the
123 recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in
124 Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.

125 Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately.