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3 By Representative Hall  
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4 CREATING THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.

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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the  
8 Alzheimer's Disease Task Force.

9 (a) The membership of the task force shall consist  
10 of all of the following:

11 (1) The Chair of the House of Representatives Health  
12 Committee or its successor.

13 (2) The Chair of the Senate Health Committee or its  
14 successor.

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

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

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

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

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

25 (8) The Director of the Dementia Education Training  
26 Program.

1 (9) A member of the House of Representatives,  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 (10) A member of the Senate, appointed by the  
4 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (25) A representative of the State Board of Health,  
9 appointed by the State Board of Health.

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

12 (27) The following members appointed by the  
13 Governor:

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

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

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

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

24 (b) Members shall serve without compensation. The  
25 membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect  
26 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic  
27 diversity of the state. The Governor shall call the first

1 meeting of the task force at which time the members shall  
2 elect a chair and a vice chair from among the membership of  
3 the task force.

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

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

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

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

20 b. The state policy regarding persons with dementia  
21 such as Alzheimer's disease.

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

24 a. Type, cost, and availability of dementia  
25 services.

26 b. Dementia-specific training requirements for  
27 long-term care staff.

- 1           c. Quality care measures for residential care  
2 facilities.
- 3           d. Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to  
4 respond to persons with dementia such as Alzheimer's disease.
- 5           e. Availability of home-based and community-based  
6 resources for persons with dementias such as Alzheimer's  
7 disease and respite care to assist families.
- 8           f. Inventory of long-term care dementia care units  
9 for persons with significant behavioral problems.
- 10          g. Adequacy and appropriateness of  
11 geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior  
12 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related  
13 dementia.
- 14          h. Adequacy of community hospitals to provide  
15 appropriate health services to persons with dementia.
- 16          i. Adequacy of the probate system to approve and  
17 monitor guardians for persons with dementia.
- 18          j. Adequacy of existing resources within the  
19 criminal justice system to protect the civil and financial  
20 rights of persons with dementia.
- 21          k. Availability of appropriate resources for persons  
22 under the age of 60 with dementia.
- 23          l. Availability of memory screening service for  
24 early detection and treatment.
- 25          m. Availability of dementia prevention programs.
- 26          n. Assisted living residential options for persons  
27 with dementia.

1           o. State support of Alzheimer's disease research  
2 through universities and other resources.

3           p. Examine health care disparities for minority  
4 populations with dementia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6                   (h) The total expenditures of the task force shall  
7                   not exceed \$1,000.



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