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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 CREATING THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.
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5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the
7 Alzheimer's Disease Task Force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (25) A representative of the State Board of Health,
11 appointed by the State Board of Health.

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

14 (27) The following members appointed by the Lt.
15 Governor:

16 a. A member of the Bio Alabama Association

17 b. A member of the Bio Technology Legislative Caucus
18 or their designee

19 c. An at-large member

20 ~~(27)~~ (28) The following members appointed by the
21 Governor:

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

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

4 c. An Alzheimer's disease researcher, appointed from
5 a list of three names submitted by the Department of Mental
6 Health.

7 ~~(28)~~ (29) Additional members may be added by
8 majority vote of the membership of the task force.

9 (b) Members shall serve without compensation. The
10 membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect
11 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic
12 diversity of the state. The Governor shall call the first
13 meeting of the task force at which time the members shall
14 elect a chair and a vice chair from among the membership of
15 the task force.

16 (c) The task force shall assess the current and
17 future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias on
18 the residents of Alabama, shall examine the existing long-term
19 care industries, services, health care manpower, and resources
20 addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease,
21 their families, and caregivers, and shall develop a strategy
22 to mobilize a state response to the crisis produced by
23 dementia such as Alzheimer's disease.

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

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

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

7 b. The state policy regarding persons with dementia
8 such as Alzheimer's disease.

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

11 a. Type, cost, and availability of dementia
12 services.

13 b. Dementia-specific training requirements for
14 long-term care staff.

15 c. Quality care measures for residential care
16 facilities.

17 d. Capacity of public safety and law enforcement to
18 respond to persons with dementia such as Alzheimer's disease.

19 e. Availability of home-based and community-based
20 resources for persons with dementias such as Alzheimer's
21 disease and respite care to assist families.

22 f. Inventory of long-term care dementia care units
23 for persons with significant behavioral problems.

24 g. Adequacy and appropriateness of
25 geriatric-psychiatric units for persons with behavior

1 disorders associated with Alzheimer's disease and related
2 dementia.

3 h. Adequacy of community hospitals to provide
4 appropriate health services to persons with dementia.

5 i. Adequacy of the probate system to approve and
6 monitor guardians for persons with dementia.

7 j. Adequacy of existing resources within the
8 criminal justice system to protect the civil and financial
9 rights of persons with dementia.

10 k. Availability of appropriate resources for persons
11 under the age of 60 with dementia.

12 l. Availability of memory screening service for
13 early detection and treatment.

14 m. Availability of dementia prevention programs.

15 n. Assisted living residential options for persons
16 with dementia.

17 o. State support of Alzheimer's disease research
18 through universities and other resources.

19 p. Examine health care disparities for minority
20 populations with dementia.

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

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

2 (1) Examine the level of integration of efforts by
3 responsible state and county agencies to address current and
4 future challenges to good care, including the state university
5 system's capacity to produce critical health care
6 professionals.

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

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

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

18 (g) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of
19 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
20 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the task
21 force and the Department of Mental Health shall provide
22 necessary administrative support for the task force.

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 02-MAY-12, as amended.

Greg Pappas
Clerk

Senate	16-MAY-12	Amended and Passed
House	16-MAY-12	Concurred in Senate Amendment