

SENATE BILL 281

By Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 39; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to enacting the "Chronic Disease Prevention Act".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Chronic Disease Prevention Act".

SECTION 2. By no later than October 1, 2019, the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall establish a task force to study methods on how best to prevent chronic diseases in this state and what funding is available to assist with chronic disease prevention.

SECTION 3. The task force is composed of nine (9) members, as follows:

- (1) Three (3) senators to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;
- (2) Three (3) representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (3) The commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The director of TennCare or the director's designee; and
- (5) The commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services or the commissioner's designee.

SECTION 4. By no later than December 15, 2020, the task force shall complete its findings and make recommendations in a report to the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 5. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement of any travel expenses incurred. All reimbursement for travel

expenses must conform to the comprehensive state travel regulations as promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 6. The task force ceases to exist upon completion of the task force's report and recommendations.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.