1452Z3-1 04/28/2023 JC (L)tgw 2023-1748 SUB HJR89 RULES SUBSTITUTE TO HJR89 OFFERED BY SENATOR WAGGONER 1 2 3 4 HJR89 CREATING THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE. 5 6 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs 7 8 individuals of their memory and leads to progressive mental 9 and physical impairments; and 10 WHEREAS, an estimated 96,000 Alabamians 65 years of age and older have Alzheimer's disease, 216,000 Alabamians 11 are currently designated as caregivers; and Alzheimer's 12 13 disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the State of 14 Alabama; and 15 WHEREAS, according to the Alzheimer's Association, the prevalence of Alzheimer's and other dementias is 16 anticipated to increase by nearly 15 percent during the next 17 18 three years; and 19 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's and other dementias impact many 20 state agencies including, but not limited to, Medicaid and those responsible for public health workers, facilities, 21 22 licensing, the aging, and others; and 23 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the need to 24 have a clear and coordinated approach to address Alzheimer's 25 disease and other dementias; and 26 WHEREAS, the Alabama Alzheimer's Disease Task Force was established by Act 2012-597 and was charged with 27 assessing the impact of Alzheimer's disease, examining the 28



existing service delivery system, and developing strategies to respond to this critical public health challenge confronting Alabama; and

32 WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Disease Task Force released 33 the State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease in 2015, and there is 34 a critical need to update the existing state plan; now 35 therefore,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH 37 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Alzheimer's 38 Disease Task Force is reconstituted for the purposes of updating the 2015 State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and 39 Other Related Dementias in Alabama by developing and 40 41 prioritizing recommendations to prepare the health care 42 workforce to meet the rising need for dementia care, 43 increase public awareness about Alzheimer's disease and 44 other dementias, and build support for family caregivers of 45 individuals with dementia.

46 (a) The membership of the task force shall consist of47 all of the following:

48 (1) The Chair of the Senate Healthcare Committee or49 its successor.

50 (2) A member of the Senate, appointed by the51 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

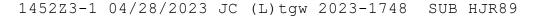
52 (3) The Chair of the House of Representatives Health53 Committee or its successor.

54 (4) A member of the House of Representatives,
55 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
56 (5) The following members appointed by the Governor:



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57 a. An individual who represents the faith community. b. An individual with dementia, appointed from a list 58 of three names submitted by the Alabama Department of Mental 59 60 Health. 61 c. A caregiver of an individual with Alzheimer's disease, appointed from a list of three names submitted by 62 63 the Alabama Department of Mental Health. 64 (6) The following members appointed by the Lieutenant 65 Governor: 66 a. A university-based Alzheimer's disease researcher. b. A member of law enforcement. 67 (7) The Director of the Alabama Department of Public 68 69 Health or his or her designee. 70 (8) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of 71 Mental Health or his or her designee. 72 (9) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of 73 Human Resources or his or her designee. 74 (10) The Director of the Alabama Department of Senior 75 Services or his or her designee. (11) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency 76 77 or his or her designee. 78 (12) A representative of the nursing facility industry, appointed by the Alabama Nursing Home Association. 79 80 (13) A representative of the assisted living 81 industry, appointed by the Board of Examiners of Assisted Living Administrators. 82 83 (14) A representative of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, appointed by the department. 84





85 (15) A representative of the Alabama Probate Judges86 Association, appointed by the association.

87 (16) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association88 Alabama Chapter, appointed by the association.

89 (17) A representative of the Alabama Silver-Haired
90 Legislature, appointed by the membership of that body.

91 (18) A representative of the medical profession,
92 appointed by the Medical Association of the State of
93 Alabama.

94 (19) A representative of the State Board of Health,95 appointed by the board.

96 (20) A representative of AARP Alabama, appointed by97 the association.

98 (b)(1) No later than 130 days after enactment of this 99 resolution, the Governor shall call the first meeting of the 100 task force, at which the members shall elect a chair and a 101 vice chair from among the membership.

102 (2) The legislative members of the task force shall 103 be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and 104 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the 105 task force pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution of 106 Alabama of 2022.

107 (3) The non-legislative members of the task force 108 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for 109 necessary expenses in attending meetings of the task force 110 pursuant to the policies of their respective appointing 111 authority.

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(4) The membership of the task force shall be



113 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban, 114 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(c) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama 116 1975, the task force shall provide to the Secretary of State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on the task force, and a copy of the final State Alzheimer's Disease Plan and other interim reports or documents produced throughout the duration of the task force.

(d) The task force shall examine the relevant public policies in assessing the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias with the goal of prioritizing recommendations for developing a coordinated state strategy and response.

126 (e)(1) The task force shall meet as necessary to 127 conduct its business.

128 (2) The task force may hold public meetings and use 129 technology to gather feedback on its recommendations from 130 individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and 131 the wider public.

(3) Upon request of the chair, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall provide necessary clerical assistance and the Alabama Department of Mental Health shall provide necessary administrative support.

(f) (1) No later than the third day of the 2024
Regular Session of the Legislature, the task force shall
furnish by electronic mail to the Legislature an abbreviated



140 interim report containing a summary of task force meetings 141 and public hearings and its preliminary findings.

142 (2) The task force shall submit its final findings 143 and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature in 144 the form of an updated State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 145 and Other Related Dementias in Alabama no later than the 146 third day of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature, at 147 which time the task force shall terminate.

148 (3) The recommendations of the task force shall not 149 be considered a medical protocol, guideline, or standard of 150 care for the treatment of any disease or condition.

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