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H.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the re-creation of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Glenda Dawson Act.

SECTION 2. The state finds that the treatment of chronic kidney disease is a tremendous expense and that the early diagnosis and effective treatment of chronic kidney disease can prolong lives and delay the high cost of medical treatment, including dialysis and transplantation.

SECTION 3. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 99 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 99. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE

Sec. 99.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(2) "Task force" means the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

Sec. 99.002. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE. (a) The Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force is composed of:

(1) 18 members appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) one family practice physician;

(B) one pathologist;

(C) one nephrologist from a nephrology

department of a state medical school;

(D) one nephrologist in private practice;

(E) one representative from the National Kidney Foundation;

(F) one representative from the department's Kidney Health Care Program;

(G) one representative of an insurer that issues a preferred provider benefit plan or of a health maintenance organization;

(H) one representative of clinical laboratories;

(I) one representative of private renal care providers;

(J) one pediatrician in private practice;

(K) one kidney transplant surgeon;

(L) one representative from the Texas Renal Coalition;

(M) one primary care physician;

(N) one licensed and certified renal dietitian;

(O) one certified nephrology nurse;

(P) one representative from a health care system;

(Q) one representative of the Health and Human Services Commission whose duties involve the state Medicaid program; and

(R) one end stage renal disease expert;

(2) two members of the senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(3) two members of the house of representatives

1 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

2 (b) The governor shall designate a member of the task force
3 to serve as the presiding officer of the task force. The presiding
4 officer serves at the will of the governor.

5 (c) Appointments to the task force shall be made without
6 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or
7 national origin of the appointees.

8 Sec. 99.003. DUTIES. The task force shall:

9 (1) coordinate implementation of the state's
10 cost-effective plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis,
11 and management of chronic kidney disease for the state's population
12 through national, state, and local partners; and

13 (2) educate health care professionals on the use of
14 clinical practice guidelines for screening, detecting, diagnosing,
15 treating, and managing chronic kidney disease, its comorbidities,
16 and its complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality
17 Initiative Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney
18 Disease.

19 Sec. 99.004. REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the task force may
20 receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided by Section
21 [2110.004](#), Government Code.

22 Sec. 99.005. ASSISTANCE. The department shall provide
23 administrative support to the task force, including necessary staff
24 and meeting facilities.

25 Sec. 99.006. REPORT. Not later than January 1 of each
26 even-numbered year, the task force shall submit its findings and
27 recommendations to:

1 (1) the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of
2 the house of representatives; and

3 (2) the presiding officers of the appropriate standing
4 committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over health issues.

5 Sec. 99.007. FUNDING. (a) The task force, through the
6 department, may accept gifts and grants from individuals, private
7 or public organizations, or federal or local funds to support the
8 task force.

9 (b) The department shall investigate any potential sources
10 of funding from federal grants or programs.

11 Sec. 99.008. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Except as
12 specifically provided by this chapter, Chapter 2110, Government
13 Code, does not apply to the task force.

14 Sec. 99.009. TASK FORCE REVIEW AND ABOLISHMENT. (a) The
15 department shall review the need for the task force at least once
16 every five years.

17 (b) If the department determines the task force is no longer
18 needed and should be abolished, the department shall publish notice
19 of its decision in the Texas Register and on the department's
20 Internet website.

21 (c) The task force is abolished on the date stated in the
22 notice required by Subsection (b).

23 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2016, the governor,
24 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
25 shall appoint the members to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force
26 as required by Section 99.002(a), Health and Safety Code, as added
27 by this Act.

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1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.