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HOUSE BILL 1803

5 By: Representatives F. Allen, Burch, Nicks, K. Ferguson, Vaught, Fielding, Clowney, Walker  
6 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON  
10 PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON PANEL  
14 ON PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Blue Ribbon  
21 Panel on Pediatric Cancer Research – Creation – Membership – Duties.

22 (a) There is created the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Pediatric  
23 Cancer Research.

24 (b)(1) The panel shall consist of the following members:

25 (A) A representative of the Department of Health,  
26 appointed by the Director of the Department of Health;

27 (B) The Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the  
28 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Department of Pediatrics, or his  
29 or her designee;

30 (C) A representative of the Arkansas Children's Research  
31 Institute, appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Children's Research  
32 Institute;

33 (D) A physician regularly involved in treatment of  
34 pediatric cancer, appointed by the Director of the Department of Health;

35 (E) Two (2) representatives of the Arkansas Cancer  
36 Coalition; and



1                   (F) Two (2) parents of pediatric cancer patients or  
2 pediatric cancer survivors who have been involved with the Arkansas  
3 Children's Family Advisory Board, appointed by the Director of the Department  
4 of Health.

5                   (2) If a vacancy occurs on the panel, the vacancy shall be  
6 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

7                   (c)(1) The Director of the Department of Health shall call the first  
8 meeting of the panel within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this  
9 act.

10                   (2) At the first meeting of the panel, the members of the panel  
11 shall elect from the panel's membership a chair or cochaIRS and other  
12 officers as needed for the transaction of its business.

13                   (3) Meetings of the panel shall be held at least one (1) time  
14 every three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair or  
15 cochaIRS.

16                   (4) The panel shall establish rules and procedures for  
17 conducting its business.

18                   (5)(A) A majority of the members of the panel shall constitute a  
19 quorum for transacting any business of the panel.

20                   (B) An affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present  
21 shall be required for the passage of a motion or other action of the panel.

22                   (6) The Department of Health shall provide staff, materials, and  
23 meeting space for the panel.

24                   (d) The purpose of the panel is to:

25                   (1) Advance pediatric cancer research;

26                   (2) Advance pediatric cancer treatment;

27                   (3) Improve childhood cancer surveillance; and

28                   (4) Support resources for pediatric cancer patients and  
29 survivors of childhood cancers.

30                   (e) In order to fulfill its purpose, the panel may:

31                   (1) Undertake research or other activities funded by donations  
32 or grants; and

33                   (2) Solicit and receive donations and grants.

34                   (f) The panel shall submit reports at least annually to the Director  
35 of the Department of Health concerning its activities and recommendations.

36                   (g) The panel shall expire on January 1, 2022.