

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2173

5 By: Representative Rainey
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
10 SICKLE CELL DISEASE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
11 APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; TO DESCRIBE ITS
12 MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK
16 FORCE ON SICKLE CELL DISEASE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as
23 the "Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease".
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25 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle
26 Cell Disease – Creation.

27 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease is
28 created.

29 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

30 (1) *One (1) member to represent Arkansas Children's Hospital;*

31 (2) *One (1) member to represent the Sickle Cell Clinic of*
32 *Arkansas Children's Hospital;*

33 (3) *One (1) member to represent the Newborn Screening Program of*
34 *the Department of Health;*

35 (4) *One (1) member to represent the Office of Minority Health of*



1 *the Department of Health;*

2 *(5) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Foundation for*
3 *Medical Care;*

4 *(6) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health*
5 *Commission;*

6 *(7) One (1) member to represent Partners for Inclusive*
7 *Communities of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;*

8 *(8) One (1) member who is a patient suffering from Sickle Cell*
9 *Disease; and*

10 *(9) One (1) member who is a parent of a patient suffering from*
11 *Sickle Cell Disease.*

12 (c)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall call the
13 first meeting within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

14 (2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall
15 elect from the membership a chair and other officers as needed for the
16 transaction of its business.

17 (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski
18 County at the State Capitol.

19 (B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every
20 three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

21 (d) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled
22 by the same process as the original appointment.

23 (e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
24 its business.

25 (f) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
26 quorum for transacting any business of the task force.

27 (g) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the
28 task force.

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30 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle
31 Cell Disease – Duties.

32 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease shall:

33 (1) Examine how the State of Arkansas responds to Sickle Cell
34 Disease;

35 (2) Determine the best practices to treat Sickle Cell Disease;

36 (3) Recommend more efficient methods for treating Sickle Cell

