

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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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2668

5 By: Representatives W. Lewellen, Adcock, Blount, Chesterfield, Dobbins, Elliott, J. Johnson, L. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A CERVICAL CANCER TASK FORCE; TO
10 COORDINATE STATEWIDE EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE
11 DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF CERVICAL CANCER ON FEMALE
12 ARKANSANS; TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR CERVICAL
13 CANCER VICTIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO CREATE A CERVICAL CANCER TASK
16 FORCE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9 is amended to add an
23 additional subchapter to read as follows:

24 20-9-1001. Title.

25 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Cervical Cancer
26 Care Act of 2005".
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28 20-9-1002. Cervical Cancer Task Force Creation.

29 (a) There is created a Cervical Cancer Task Force to consist of twelve
30 (12) members.

31 (b) The Director of the Department of Health shall appoint:

32 (1) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;

33 (2) One (1) member to represent the American Cancer Society;

34 (3) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health

35 Commission;

36 (4) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Hospital



1 Association;

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

4 (6) One (1) member to represent the University of Arkansas for
5 Medical Sciences College of Public Health;

6 (7) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical Services
7 of the Department of Human Services;

8 (8) One (1) member to represent emergency medical services;

9 (9) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical Society;

10 (10) One (1) member to represent the medical insurance industry;

11 (11) One (1) member to represent the community at large; and

12 (12) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental,
13 and Pharmaceutical Association.

14 (c)(1) Except for the initial members, task force members shall serve
15 three-year terms.

16 (2) The initial members shall be assigned by lot so as to
17 stagger terms to equalize as nearly as possible the number of members to be
18 appointed each year.

19 (d) If a vacancy occurs, the Director of the Department of Health
20 shall appoint a person who represents the same constituency as the member
21 being replaced.

22 (e) The task force shall elect one (1) of its members to act as chair
23 for a term of one (1) year.

24 (f) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the
25 transaction of business.

26 (g) The task force shall meet as necessary to further the intent and
27 purpose of this subchapter.

28 (h) The Department of Health shall provide office space and staff for
29 the task force.

30 (i) Members of the task force shall serve without pay but may receive
31 expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902, if funds are available.

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33 20-9-1003. Powers and duties.

34 The Cervical Cancer Task Force shall:

35 (1) Make recommendations to the State Board of Health consistent
36 with the intent of this subchapter;

1 (2) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent
2 of this subchapter; and

3 (3) Develop standards and policy recommendations considering,
4 but not limited to, the following:

5 (A) Methods for raising public awareness of the prevalence
6 and treatment considerations for cervical cancer;

7 (B) The professional development of emergency medical
8 services professionals to identify victims of cervical cancer;

9 (C) The professional development of emergency room and
10 hospital personnel to identify and treat victims of potential cervical
11 cancer;

12 (D) Methods for ensuring that a comprehensive range of
13 cervical cancer recovery services are available to women in the State of
14 Arkansas as they recover from the cancer;

15 (E) Methods for developing cervical cancer treatment
16 centers; and

17 (F) Methods for developing a cervical cancer registry for
18 the State of Arkansas.

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20 20-9-1004. State Board of Health powers and duties.

21 The State Board of Health, after consultation with the Cervical Cancer
22 Task Force and if funds are available, may promulgate rules to further the
23 intent of this subchapter.

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