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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

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16 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK
17 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 who is an employee of the Division of Medical
31 Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director of the
32 Department of Human Services;

33 (2) One (1) member who is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst
34 appointed by the Arkansas Psychology Board;

35 (3) One (1) member to represent Easter Seals appointed by Easter
36 Seals Arkansas;



1 (4) The Director of the Division of Disability Services of the
2 Department of Human Services;

3 (5) The Behavior Intervention Coordinator of the Department of
4 Education;

5 (6) One (1) member to represent Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue
6 Shield;

7 (7) One (1) member who is a pediatric physician who regularly
8 works with Sickle Cell Disease patients appointed by the Dennis Developmental
9 Center of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Arkansas for
10 Medical Sciences;

11 (8) One (1) member who is a clinical geneticist appointed by the
12 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

13 (9) One (1) member to represent Partners for Inclusive
14 Communities of the University Centers of Excellence in Developmental
15 Disabilities of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

16 (10) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Children's
17 Hospital Research Institute appointed by the Arkansas Children's Hospital;

18 (11) One (1) member who is an attorney who regularly works with
19 children who have special needs and require special education appointed by
20 the Arkansas Bar Association;

21 (12) Two (2) members who are parents or guardians of children
22 with Sickle Cell Disease appointed by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives; and

24 (13) Two (2) members who are parents or guardians of children
25 with Sickle Cell Disease appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
26 Senate.

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

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

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

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

36 (d) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled

1 by the same process as the original appointment.

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

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

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

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

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

12 (1) Examine how the State of Arkansas responds to Sickle Cell
13 Disease;

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

15 (3) Recommend more efficient methods for treating Sickle Cell
16 Disease;

17 (4) Recommend how to obtain more federal funds for treating
18 Sickle Cell Disease and providing special education to children with Sickle
19 Cell Disease; and

20 (5) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the
21 law that will improve treatment of Sickle Cell Disease and improve the
22 provision of special education to children with Sickle Cell Disease.

23 (b) On or before August 31, 2010, the task force shall provide the
24 General Assembly with a written explanation of the recommended legislative
25 changes.

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27 SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on
28 Sickle Cell Disease expires on October 1, 2010.