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CREATING THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, nearly 20 percent of all health care workers in the United States have left the field since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama is experiencing a shortage of health care workers; and

WHEREAS, many hospitals and health care facilities throughout the state are struggling with staffing shortages, and the shortage is placing a strain on the dedicated health care professionals who remain in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to solve the health care worker shortage; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the Health Care Workforce Task Force to study and suggest solutions to address the medical professional shortages in the state.

1 (a) The task force shall be composed of the
2 following members:

3 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

4 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one
6 of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

7 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
8 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a
9 member of the minority party.

10 (4) Two members appointed by the Alabama Hospital
11 Association, one representing a rural hospital and one
12 representing an urban hospital.

13 (5) One member appointed by the Medical Association
14 of the State of Alabama.

15 (6) Two members appointed by the Alabama Nursing
16 Home Association, one representing a rural nursing home and
17 one representing an urban nursing home.

18 (7) One member appointed by the Alabama Dental
19 Association.

20 (8) One member appointed by the Alabama Board of
21 Nursing.

22 (9) One member appointed by the Alabama State Nurses
23 Association.

24 (10) One member appointed by the Alabama Commission
25 on Higher Education.

26 (11) One member appointed by the Board of Trustees
27 of the Alabama Community College System.

1 (12) One member appointed by the Alabama State Board
2 of Education.

3 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
4 their appointments to assure that the task force is inclusive
5 and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and
6 economic diversity of the state.

7 (c) The first meeting of the task force shall be
8 held at the call of the Governor no later than 60 days after
9 this resolution's passage, at which the task force shall elect
10 a chair. The task force may then meet as necessary to conduct
11 business.

12 (d) The task force shall prepare a report of its
13 findings, conclusions, and recommendations for any proposed
14 reform legislation to the Legislature not later than the third
15 legislative day of each regular Legislative session. In
16 preparing its report, the task force shall include
17 recommendations to address the shortage of health care workers
18 in the state. Upon the filing of its report with the
19 Legislature in the 2026 Regular Session, the task force shall
20 stand dissolved and discharged of any future duties and
21 liabilities.

22 (e) Each appointing authority named herein shall be
23 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.