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H.B. No. 3183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the re-creation of the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Glenda Dawson Act.

SECTION 2. The state finds that the treatment of chronic kidney disease is a tremendous expense and that the early diagnosis and effective treatment of chronic kidney disease can prolong lives and delay the high cost of medical treatment, including dialysis and transplantation.

SECTION 3. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 83 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 83. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE

Sec. 83.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "task force" means the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force.

Sec. 83.002. CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE TASK FORCE. (a) The Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force is composed of:

(1) 18 members appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) one family practice physician;

(B) one pathologist;

(C) one nephrologist from a nephrology department of a state medical school;

(D) one nephrologist in private practice;

(E) one representative from the National Kidney

1 Foundation;

2 (F) one representative from the department's
3 Kidney Health Care Program;

4 (G) one representative of an insurer that issues
5 a preferred provider benefit plan or of a health maintenance
6 organization;

7 (H) one representative of clinical laboratories;

8 (I) one representative of private renal care
9 providers;

10 (J) one pediatrician in private practice;

11 (K) one kidney transplant surgeon;

12 (L) one representative from the Texas Renal

13 Coalition;

14 (M) one primary care physician;

15 (N) one licensed and certified renal dietitian;

16 (O) one certified nephrology nurse;

17 (P) one representative from a health care system;

18 (Q) one representative of the commission whose

19 duties involve the state Medicaid program; and

20 (R) one end stage renal disease expert;

21 (2) two members of the senate appointed by the
22 lieutenant governor; and

23 (3) two members of the house of representatives
24 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

25 (b) The governor shall designate a member of the task force
26 to serve as the presiding officer of the task force. The presiding
27 officer serves at the will of the governor.

1 (c) Appointments to the task force shall be made without
2 regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or
3 national origin of the appointees.

4 Sec. 83.003. DUTIES. The task force shall:

5 (1) coordinate implementation of the state's
6 cost-effective plan for prevention, early screening, diagnosis,
7 and management of chronic kidney disease for the state's population
8 through national, state, and local partners; and

9 (2) educate health care professionals on the use of
10 clinical practice guidelines for screening, detecting, diagnosing,
11 treating, and managing chronic kidney disease, its comorbidities,
12 and its complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality
13 Initiative Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney
14 Disease.

15 Sec. 83.004. REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the task force may
16 receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided by Section
17 [2110.004](#), Government Code.

18 Sec. 83.005. ASSISTANCE. The department shall provide
19 administrative support to the task force, including necessary staff
20 and meeting facilities.

21 Sec. 83.006. REPORT. Not later than January 1 of each
22 even-numbered year, the task force shall submit its findings and
23 recommendations to:

24 (1) the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of
25 the house of representatives; and

26 (2) the presiding officers of the appropriate standing
27 committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over health issues.

1 Sec. 83.007. FUNDING. (a) The task force, through the
2 department, may accept gifts and grants from individuals, private
3 or public organizations, or federal or local funds to support the
4 task force.

5 (b) The department shall investigate any potential sources
6 of funding from federal grants or programs.

7 Sec. 83.008. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Except as
8 specifically provided by this chapter, Chapter [2110](#), Government
9 Code, does not apply to the task force.

10 Sec. 83.009. TASK FORCE REVIEW AND ABOLISHMENT. (a) The
11 department shall review the need for the task force at least once
12 every five years.

13 (b) If the department determines the task force is no longer
14 needed and should be abolished, the department shall publish notice
15 of its decision in the Texas Register and on the department's
16 Internet website.

17 (c) The task force is abolished on the date stated in the
18 notice required by Subsection (b).

19 SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2018, the governor,
20 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
21 shall appoint the members to the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force
22 as required by Section 83.002, Health and Safety Code, as added by
23 this Act.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.