

1 HB642  
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3 By Representative Shedd  
4 RFD: Children and Senior Advocacy  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of Senior  
9 Services is responsible for studying certain issues  
10 related to the welfare of aging people, providing  
11 for a mutual exchange of ideas and information, and  
12 advising the Legislature with regard to needed  
13 improvements to promote the welfare of senior  
14 citizens in this state.

15 This bill would create the Bureau of Senior  
16 Services within the Alabama Department of Public  
17 Health and would transfer the functions and duties  
18 of the Department of Senior Services to the newly  
19 created bureau.

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21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT  
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25 Relating to senior services; to create the Bureau of  
26 Senior Services within the Alabama Department of Public  
27 Health; to provide for the appointment of a director of the

1 bureau; to transfer all functions and duties of the Department  
2 of Senior Services to the newly created bureau; to provide for  
3 the transfer of books, records, supplies, funds, equipment,  
4 and personnel of the Department of Senior Services; and to  
5 require the Code Commissioner to make conforming changes in  
6 the code.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) The Bureau of Senior Services is  
9 hereby created within the Alabama Department of Public Health  
10 to coordinate services for senior citizens in this state. The  
11 bureau shall succeed to and be vested with all powers of the  
12 Department of Senior Services. A reference in any law to the  
13 Department of Senior Services shall be deemed a reference to  
14 the Bureau of Senior Services.

15 (b) (1) The position of Director of the Bureau of  
16 Senior Services is created. The director shall be appointed by  
17 the State Health Officer and shall hold office at the pleasure  
18 of the State Health Officer. The initial director shall be  
19 appointed from the Department of Senior Services. The salary  
20 of the director shall be set by the State Health Officer and  
21 is not subject to Section 36-6-6, Code of Alabama 1975.

22 (2) The Director of the Bureau of Senior Services  
23 shall have overall supervision and management of functions  
24 transferred to the bureau pursuant to this section, subject to  
25 approval by the State Health Officer, including the power to  
26 change the working title of any position or to reorganize or  
27 rename any of the divisions, units, or functions of the

1 bureau. Any change of working title shall not alter the  
2 classification or compensation of any person in the state  
3 Merit System.

4 Section 2. (a) Any position created by this act  
5 shall be in the classified service of the state Merit System.

6 (b) All persons employed on the effective date of  
7 this act with the Department of Senior Services and  
8 transferred to the Bureau of Senior Services shall maintain  
9 his or her classification and benefits under the department.  
10 The salary, benefits, classification, or seniority of a person  
11 employed by the Department of Senior Services on the effective  
12 date of this act may not be decreased as a result of the  
13 transfer to the Bureau of Senior Services.

14 Section 3. On January 1, 2016, all books, records,  
15 supplies, funds, equipment, and personnel of the Department of  
16 Senior Services shall be transferred to the Bureau of Senior  
17 Services within the Alabama Department of Public Health, to  
18 the extent that the books, records, supplies, funds,  
19 equipment, and personnel are related to the functions  
20 transferred to the bureau.

21 Section 4. The Code Commissioner shall conform  
22 references in the Code of Alabama 1975, to the units,  
23 departments, divisions, and other state entities included in  
24 this act to reflect the changes required by this act. Code  
25 changes shall be made at a time determined to be appropriate  
26 by the Code Commissioner.

1                   Section 5. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
2 with this act are repealed.

3                   Section 6. This act shall become effective on  
4 January 1, 2016, following its passage and approval by the  
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.