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3 By Senator Weaver
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 08-MAR-22

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4 ENROLLED, SJR62,

5 CREATING THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE TASK FORCE.

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

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

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

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

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

24 (a) The task force shall be composed of the
25 following members:

1 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

11 (5) One member appointed by the Medical Association
12 of the State of Alabama.

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

16 (7) One member appointed by the Alabama Dental
17 Association.

18 (8) One member appointed by the Alabama Board of
19 Nursing.

20 (9) One member appointed by the Alabama State Nurses
21 Association.

22 (10) One member appointed by the Alabama Commission
23 on Higher Education.

24 (11) One member appointed by the Board of Trustees
25 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 31-MAR-22

By: Senator Weaver