Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A CERVICAL CANCER TASK FORCE; TO COORDINATE STATEWIDE EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF CERVICAL CANCER ON FEMALE ARKANSANS; TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR CERVICAL CANCER VICTIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE A CERVICAL CANCER TASK FORCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

20-9-1001. Title.
This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Cervical Cancer Care Act of 2005".

(a) There is created a Cervical Cancer Task Force to consist of twelve members.
(b) The Director of the Department of Health shall appoint:
(1) One member to represent the Department of Health;
(2) One member to represent the American Cancer Society;
(3) One member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health Commission;
(4) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Hospital Association;
(5) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care;
(6) One (1) member to represent the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Public Health;
(7) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services;
(8) One (1) member to represent emergency medical services;
(9) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical Society;
(10) One (1) member to represent the medical insurance industry;
(11) One (1) member to represent the community at large; and
(12) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association.

(c)(1) Except for the initial members, task force members shall serve three-year terms.
(2) The initial members shall be assigned by lot so as to stagger terms to equalize as nearly as possible the number of members to be appointed each year.
(d) If a vacancy occurs, the Director of the Department of Health shall appoint a person who represents the same constituency as the member being replaced.
(e) The task force shall elect one (1) of its members to act as chair for a term of one (1) year.
(f) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
(g) The task force shall meet as necessary to further the intent and purpose of this subchapter.
(h) The Department of Health shall provide meeting space and administrative support for the task force.
(i) Members of the task force shall serve without pay but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902, if funds are available.

(a) The Cervical Cancer Task Force shall:
(1) Make recommendations to the Breast Cancer Control Advisory
Board consistent with the intent of this subchapter;

(2) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent of this subchapter; and

(3) Develop standards and policy recommendations considering, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Methods for raising public awareness of the prevalence and treatment considerations for cervical cancer;

(B) The professional development of emergency medical services professionals to identify victims of cervical cancer;

(C) The professional development of emergency room and hospital personnel to identify and treat victims of potential cervical cancer;

(D) Methods for ensuring that a comprehensive range of cervical cancer recovery services are available to women in the State of Arkansas as they recover from the cancer; and

(E) Methods for developing cervical cancer treatment centers.

(b) The Arkansas Central Cancer Registry of the Division of Chronic Disease of the Department of Health shall provide an annual cervical cancer report to the task force.

20-9-1004. State Board of Health powers and duties.

The State Board of Health, after consultation with the Cervical Cancer Task Force and if funds are available, may promulgate rules to further the intent of this subchapter.

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