

Senate Bill 45

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Unterman of the 45th, Mullis of the 53rd, Harbison of the 15th, Tate of the 38th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Department of Human Resources, so as to provide for the establishment of a task force to
3 develop a plan for education on chronic kidney disease; to provide for membership and
4 appointment of members to the task force; to provide for duties and responsibilities; to
5 provide for reports and recommendations from such task force; to provide for related matters;
6 to provide for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department
10 of Human Resources, is amended by adding a new Code section as follows:

11 "31-2-10.

12 (a) There is created within the Division of Public Health of the Department of Human
13 Resources the Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force. The task force shall be composed of
14 22 members appointed as provided in this Code section who shall serve without
15 compensation except for actual expenses incurred for travel on the official business of the
16 task force. Vacancies in the task force shall be filled by appointment in the manner of the
17 original appointment.

18 (b) The commissioner of human resources, or his or her designee, shall be one member of
19 the task force and shall serve as the chairperson. The remaining members shall be selected
20 as follows:

21 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members;

22 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members;

23 (3) The Georgia-South Carolina Society of Nephrology shall appoint two Georgia
24 physician members;

25 (4) The National Kidney Foundation of Georgia shall appoint two members, one of
26 whom has kidney disease;

- 1 (5) The Medical College of Georgia, Morehouse School of Medicine, Mercer University
2 School of Medicine, and Emory University School of Medicine shall each appoint one
3 member;
- 4 (6) The Georgia chapters of the American Nephrology Nurses Association shall appoint
5 one member who is a registered nurse;
- 6 (7) The Georgia Council of Nephrology Social Workers shall appoint one member who
7 is a licensed social worker;
- 8 (8) The Georgia Council of Renal Nutritionists shall appoint one member;
- 9 (9) The Georgia chapters of the National Association of Nephrology Technicians shall
10 appoint two members, one of whom is a dialysis technician and one of whom represents
11 clinical laboratories;
- 12 (10) The director of the Division of Public Health of the Department of Human
13 Resources shall appoint two members; and
- 14 (11) The commissioner of community health shall appoint two members.
- 15 (c) The chairperson shall convene the first meeting of the task force before July 31, 2007.
- 16 (d) The task force shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- 17 (1) To develop a plan to educate the public and health care professionals about the
18 advantages and methods of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney
19 disease and its complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative
20 Clinical Practice Guidelines or other medically recognized clinical practice guidelines;
- 21 (2) To develop a plan to educate health care professionals about early kidney
22 replacement therapy education for patients, including in-center dialysis, home
23 hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and vascular access options and transplantation, prior
24 to the onset of kidney failure;
- 25 (3) To make recommendations on the implementation of a cost-effective plan for early
26 screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease and its complications for
27 the State's population;
- 28 (4) To provide a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly,
29 the Governor, and the chairpersons of the Senate and House of Representatives Health
30 and Human Services Committees no later than December 31, 2007; and
- 31 (5) To perform such other activities as the task force finds necessary or convenient in
32 order to accomplish its purposes under this Code section.
- 33 (d) The Department of Human Resources shall provide to the task force necessary staff,
34 research, and meeting facilities.
- 35 (e) The task force shall complete its work no later than December 31, 2007, and shall stand
36 abolished on January 1, 2008. This Code section shall be repealed by operation of law on
37 January 1, 2008."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.