

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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As Engrossed: H3/12/09  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2173

5 By: Representative Rainey  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON  
10 SICKLE CELL DISEASE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
11 APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS; TO DESCRIBE ITS  
12 MISSION AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK  
17 FORCE ON SICKLE CELL DISEASE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
23 the "Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease".  
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25 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle  
26 Cell Disease – Creation.

27 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease is  
28 created.

29 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

30 (1) *One (1) member to represent Arkansas Children's Hospital;*

31 (2) *One (1) member to represent the Sickle Cell Clinic of*  
32 *Arkansas Children's Hospital;*

33 (3) *One (1) member to represent the Newborn Screening Program of*  
34 *the Department of Health;*

35 (4) *One (1) member to represent the Office of Minority Health of*  
36 *the Department of Health;*



1                   (5) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Foundation for  
2 Medical Care;

3                   (6) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health  
4 Commission;

5                   (7) One (1) member to represent Partners for Inclusive  
6 Communities of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

7                   (8) One (1) member who is a patient suffering from Sickle Cell  
8 Disease; and

9                   (9) One (1) member who is a parent of a patient suffering from  
10 Sickle Cell Disease.

11           (c)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall call the  
12 first meeting within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

13                   (2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall  
14 elect from the membership a chair and other officers as needed for the  
15 transaction of its business.

16                   (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski  
17 County at the State Capitol.

18                               (B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every  
19 three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

20                   (d) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled  
21 by the same process as the original appointment.

22                   (e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting  
23 its business.

24                   (f) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a  
25 quorum for transacting any business of the task force.

26                   (g) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the  
27 task force.

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29           SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle  
30 Cell Disease – Duties.

31           (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Sickle Cell Disease shall:

32                   (1) Examine how the State of Arkansas responds to Sickle Cell  
33 Disease;

34                   (2) Determine the best practices to treat Sickle Cell Disease;

35                   (3) Recommend more efficient methods for treating Sickle Cell  
36 Disease;

1           (4) Recommend how to obtain more federal funds for treating  
2 Sickle Cell Disease and providing special education to children with Sickle  
3 Cell Disease; and

4           (5) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the  
5 law that will improve treatment of Sickle Cell Disease and improve the  
6 provision of special education to children with Sickle Cell Disease.

7           (b) On or before August 31, 2010, the task force shall provide the  
8 General Assembly with a written explanation of the recommended legislative  
9 changes.

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11           SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on  
12 Sickle Cell Disease expires on October 1, 2010.

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