

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1803

By: Representatives F. Allen, Burch, Nicks, K. Ferguson, Vaught, Fielding, Clowney, Walker  
By: Senator Irvin

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON  
PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON PANEL  
ON PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH.

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Pediatric Cancer Research – Creation – Membership – Duties.

(a) There is created the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Panel on Pediatric Cancer Research.

(b)(1) The panel shall consist of the following members:

(A) A representative of the Department of Health, appointed by the Director of the Department of Health;

(B) The Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Department of Pediatrics, or his or her designee;

(C) Three (3) representatives of the Arkansas Children's Research Institute, appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Children's Research Institute;

(D) A physician regularly involved in treatment of pediatric cancer, appointed by the Director of the Department of Health;

(E) Two (2) representatives of the Arkansas Cancer Coalition;



(F) Two (2) parents of pediatric cancer patients or pediatric cancer survivors who have been involved with the Arkansas Children's Family Advisory Board, appointed by the Director of the Department of Health; and

(G) Three (3) representatives of the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Children's Research Institute.

(2) If a vacancy occurs on the panel, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(c)(1) The Director of the Department of Health shall call the first meeting of the panel within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

(2) At the first meeting of the panel, the members of the panel shall elect from the panel's membership a chair or cochair and other officers as needed for the transaction of its business.

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

(4) The panel shall establish rules and procedures for conducting its business.

(5)(A) A majority of the members of the panel shall constitute a quorum for transacting any business of the panel.

(B) An affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present shall be required for the passage of a motion or other action of the panel.

(6)(A) The Department of Health or its designee shall provide staff, materials, and meeting space for the panel.

(B) The department may designate its duties under subdivision (c)(6)(A) of this section to an entity volunteering to take on the duties, including without limitation a private entity.

(d) The purpose of the panel is to:

- (1) Advance pediatric cancer research;
- (2) Advance pediatric cancer treatment;
- (3) Improve childhood cancer surveillance; and
- (4) Support resources for pediatric cancer patients and survivors of childhood cancers.

(e) In order to fulfill its purpose, the panel may:

(1) Undertake research or other activities funded by donations or grants; and

(2) Solicit and receive donations and grants.

(f) The panel shall submit reports at least annually to the Director of the Department of Health concerning its activities and recommendations.

(g) The panel shall expire on January 1, 2022.

*/s/F. Allen*