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AN ACT relating to cancer; creating the Task Force on Cervical Cancer and providing its duties; revising the provisions relating to per diem allowances and travel expenses for members of the Task Force on Prostate Cancer; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 457 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 6, inclusive of this act.

Sec. 2. *As used in sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, “Task Force” means the Task Force on Cervical Cancer created by section 3 of this act.*

Sec. 3. 1. *The Task Force on Cervical Cancer, consisting of 11 members, is hereby created. The Task Force consists of:*

(a) The Executive Officer of the Public Employees’ Benefits Program as ex officio member; and

(b) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(1) Two members who are physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS;

(2) One member who is an officer or employee of the Nevada System of Higher Education;

(3) One member who is an employee of the Health Division;

(4) One member who is a representative of a women’s health organization;

(5) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Cancer Institute;

(6) One member who has had cervical cancer;

(7) One member who is related to a person who has had cervical cancer; and

(8) Two members who are representatives of business.

2. Vacancies of members appointed to the Task Force must be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

3. The Task Force shall annually submit a report concerning its activities and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature.

Sec. 4. 1. *The members of the Task Force shall annually elect a member to serve as Chairman of the Task Force.*

2. The members of the Task Force shall meet at least four times each year and at the call of the Chairman. The Task Force shall prescribe regulations for its management and government.

3. Six members of the Task Force constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on the Task Force.

4. After the initial terms, the term of each appointed member of the Task Force is 4 years. The Governor shall not appoint a member to serve more than two terms.

5. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation. While engaged in the business of the Task Force, each member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

6. The members of the Task Force who are state employees must be relieved from their duties without loss of their regular compensation to perform their duties relating to the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. The state employees may not be required to make up the time they are absent from work to fulfill their obligations as members of the Task Force or take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

Sec. 5. The Task Force may:

1. Compile research and information concerning cervical cancer.

2. Identify and evaluate the methods used by the State and local governments to increase the awareness of the general public concerning the risk, treatment and prevention of cervical cancer.

3. Identify and evaluate methods to improve communication among institutions and other entities in this State that are involved in the research and treatment of cervical cancer.

4. Identify and evaluate methods to increase funding for institutions and other entities in this State that are involved in cancer research.

5. Identify and evaluate methods to increase the number of women in this State who are regularly tested for the presence of cervical cancer.

6. Identify and evaluate methods to increase the awareness and education of the general public concerning cervical cancer.

7. Apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations to assist the Task Force in carrying out its duties pursuant to this section.

Sec. 6. The Director of the Department of Human Resources shall provide the personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies required by the Task Force to carry out the provisions of sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 7. NRS 457.320 is hereby amended to read as follows:

457.320 1. The member of the Task Force described in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 457.310 shall serve as Chairman during even-numbered years, and the member described in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 457.310 shall serve as Chairman during the odd-numbered years.

2. The members of the Task Force shall meet at least four times each year and at the call of the Chairman. The Task Force shall prescribe regulations for its management and government.

3. Six members of the Task Force constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the powers conferred on the Task Force.

4. After the initial terms, the term of each appointed member of the Task Force is 4 years. The Governor shall not appoint a member to serve more than two terms.

5. The members of the Task Force serve without compensation . ~~[and are not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or travel expenses.]~~ *While engaged in the business of the Task Force, each member is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.*

6. The members of the Task Force who are state employees must be relieved from their duties without loss of their regular compensation to perform their duties relating to the Task Force in the most timely manner practicable. The state employees may not be required to make up the time they are absent from work to fulfill their obligations as members of the Task Force or take annual leave or compensatory time for the absence.

Sec. 8. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Administration the sum of \$50,000 for allocation to provide necessary assistance to the Task Force on Cervical Cancer.

2. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by subsection 1, the Task Force on Cervical Cancer agrees to:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Task Force on Cervical Cancer through December 1, 2006; and

(b) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise and irrespective of their form or location, which the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct any audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 9. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Administration the sum of

\$50,000 for allocation to provide necessary assistance to the Task Force on Prostate Cancer.

2. Upon acceptance of the money appropriated by subsection 1, the Task Force on Prostate Cancer agrees to:

(a) Prepare and transmit a report to the Interim Finance Committee on or before December 15, 2006, that describes each expenditure made from the money appropriated by subsection 1 from the date on which the money was received by the Task Force on Prostate Cancer through December 1, 2006; and

(b) Upon request of the Legislative Commission, make available to the Legislative Auditor any books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information, confidential or otherwise and irrespective of their form or location, which the Legislative Auditor deems necessary to conduct any audit of the use of the money appropriated pursuant to subsection 1.

Sec. 10. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 2 or 3 of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2007, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 21, 2007.

Sec. 11. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.