

CHAPTER NO. 921

SENATE BILL NO. 3678

By Bowers, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3549

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to establishing the Tennessee Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 18, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

§ 68-1-18\_\_.

(a)(1) There is created a subcommittee on cervical cancer elimination to be called the Tennessee Cervical Cancer Elimination Subcommittee of the Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition.

(2) The subcommittee shall have a minimum of ten (10) members. The Commissioner of Health and the director of the Bureau of TennCare shall be ex officio members of the subcommittee. The Commissioner of Health shall appoint members and the chair as follows:

(A) A representative from the American Academy of Pediatrics;

(B) A member from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology;

(C) A member of the American Academy of Family Physicians;

(D) A member of the American Cancer Society – Tennessee affiliate;

(E) A member of the health insurance industry;

(F) A representative of the state immunization program;

(G) A representative of the state family planning program;

(H) A representative of the state breast and cervical screening program;

(I) A member of the general public;

(J) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; and

(K) One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) Each appointing authority shall assure, insofar as possible, that its appointees to the subcommittee reflect the composition of the Tennessee population with regard to ethnic, racial, age and religious composition.

(c) The appointments to the subcommittee shall be made not later than thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the 2006 regular session of the general assembly. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and by the same appointing authority as the original appointment.

(d) The subcommittee shall convene within ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the 2006 regular session of the general assembly and meet at least quarterly or any time at the call of the chair.

(e) The chair may establish committees for the purpose of making special studies and may appoint non-subcommittee members to serve on each committee as resource persons. Resource persons shall be voting members of the committees. Committees may meet with the frequency needed to accomplish the purposes of the committee.

(f) Members of the subcommittee shall receive per diem and necessary expenses the same as state employees.

(g) A simple majority of the subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business.

(h) The subcommittee shall have the following duties:

(1) To obtain from the Tennessee Comprehensive Cancer Control Subcommittee on Surveillance a review of statistical and qualitative data on the prevalence and burden of cervical cancer;

(2) To develop a strategy to raise public awareness on the causes and nature of cervical cancer, value of prevention and early detection, and physician education;

(3) To publish a statewide comprehensive cervical cancer prevention plan for distribution to the general public, state and local elected officials, and various public and private organizations;

(i) By June 1, 2007, the subcommittee shall submit an interim report summarizing the progress to the Tennessee legislative women's caucus, the governor, the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which shall address the following:

(1) Progress being made in fulfilling the duties of the subcommittee in developing the plan; and

(2) The anticipated timeframe for completion of the plan.

(j) The subcommittee shall expire on April 1, 2008, or upon submission of the final plan to the governor and to the 2008 regular session of the general assembly, whichever occurs earlier.

SECTION 2. The Department of Health shall use funds appropriated to it in the General Appropriations Act for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to implement this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 26, 2006**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR