

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.

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By: Representatives W. Lewellen, Adcock, Blount, Chesterfield, Dobbins, Elliott, J. Johnson, L. Smith

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO CREATE A CERVICAL CANCER TASK FORCE; TO  
10 COORDINATE STATEWIDE EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE  
11 DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF CERVICAL CANCER ON FEMALE  
12 ARKANSANS; TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR CERVICAL  
13 CANCER VICTIMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

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15 AN ACT TO CREATE A CERVICAL CANCER TASK  
16 FORCE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9 is amended to add an  
23 additional subchapter to read as follows:

24 20-9-1001. Title.

25 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Cervical Cancer  
26 Care Act of 2005".

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28 20-9-1002. Cervical Cancer Task Force Creation.

29 (a) There is created a Cervical Cancer Task Force to consist of twelve  
30 (12) members.

31 (b) The Director of the Department of Health shall appoint:

32 (1) One (1) member to represent the Department of Health;

33 (2) One (1) member to represent the American Cancer Society;

34 (3) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Minority Health

35 Commission;



1           (4) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Hospital  
2 Association;

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

5           (6) One (1) member to represent the University of Arkansas for  
6 Medical Sciences College of Public Health;

7           (7) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical Services  
8 of the Department of Human Services;

9           (8) One (1) member to represent emergency medical services;

10          (9) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical Society;

11          (10) One (1) member to represent the medical insurance industry;

12          (11) One (1) member to represent the community at large; and

13          (12) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Medical, Dental,  
14 and Pharmaceutical Association.

15          (c)(1) Except for the initial members, task force members shall serve  
16 three-year terms.

17          (2) The initial members shall be assigned by lot so as to  
18 stagger terms to equalize as nearly as possible the number of members to be  
19 appointed each year.

20          (d) If a vacancy occurs, the Director of the Department of Health  
21 shall appoint a person who represents the same constituency as the member  
22 being replaced.

23          (e) The task force shall elect one (1) of its members to act as chair  
24 for a term of one (1) year.

25          (f) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the  
26 transaction of business.

27          (g) The task force shall meet as necessary to further the intent and  
28 purpose of this subchapter.

29          (h) The Department of Health shall provide meeting space and  
30 administrative support for the task force.

31          (i) Members of the task force shall serve without pay but may receive  
32 expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902, if funds are available.

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34 20-9-1003. Powers and duties.

35 (a) The Cervical Cancer Task Force shall:

36          (1) Make recommendations to the Breast Cancer Control Advisory

1 Board consistent with the intent of this subchapter;

2 (2) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent  
3 of this subchapter; and

4 (3) Develop standards and policy recommendations considering,  
5 but not limited to, the following:

6 (A) Methods for raising public awareness of the prevalence  
7 and treatment considerations for cervical cancer;

8 (B) The professional development of emergency medical  
9 services professionals to identify victims of cervical cancer;

10 (C) The professional development of emergency room and  
11 hospital personnel to identify and treat victims of potential cervical  
12 cancer;

13 (D) Methods for ensuring that a comprehensive range of  
14 cervical cancer recovery services are available to women in the State of  
15 Arkansas as they recover from the cancer; and

16 (E) Methods for developing cervical cancer treatment  
17 centers.

18 (b) The Arkansas Central Cancer Registry of the Division  
19 of Chronic Disease of the Department of Health shall provide an annual  
20 cervical cancer report to the task force.

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22 20-9-1004. State Board of Health powers and duties.

23 The State Board of Health, after consultation with the Cervical Cancer  
24 Task Force and if funds are available, may promulgate rules to further the  
25 intent of this subchapter.

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27 /s/ W. Lewellen, et al  
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