

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 330

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

HEALTH/SICKLE CELL ANEM: Provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1125.1(A) and (B)(1), relative to the Louisiana Sickle Cell  
3 Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; to specifically limit  
4 the membership of the commission; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1125.1(A) and (B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
7 as follows:

8 §1125.1. Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

9 A. There shall be established within the Louisiana Department of Health a  
10 commission designated the "Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission", composed of  
11 seventeen members as provided in Subsection B of this Section. No organization,  
12 entity, or individual shall be a member unless expressly provided for in Subsection  
13 B of this Section.

14 B.(1) Thirteen members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to  
15 Senate confirmation, as follows:

16 (a) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell Center  
17 of Southern Louisiana, Tulane University School of Medicine, which has provided  
18 health care to patients with sickle cell disease since 1979 and houses the only life  
19 span clinic, which provides care to patients from birth to death, and a transition  
20 clinic, which provides a seamless transition during the high risk death gap period  
21 from pediatric to adult care.

1 (b) One member from a list of nominees submitted by Children's Hospital,  
2 New Orleans, which is the only hospital in this state to provide stem cell and gene  
3 therapies to patients with sickle cell disease and focuses on sickle cell pediatric  
4 hematology.

5 (c) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana Primary  
6 Care Association.

7 (d) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell  
8 Association of South Louisiana, which has served eleven parishes in south Louisiana  
9 since 1974 and has the historical and institutional knowledge of patient care within  
10 the community.

11 (e) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Northeast  
12 Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc, which has served  
13 northeast Louisiana since 1979 and has the historical and institutional knowledge of  
14 patient care within the community.

15 (f) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell Disease  
16 Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter, which has served  
17 northwest Louisiana since 1974 and has the historical and institutional knowledge  
18 of patient care within the community.

19 (g) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell  
20 Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria, which has served twelve parishes in  
21 central Louisiana since 1974 and has the historical and institutional knowledge of  
22 patient care within the community.

23 (h) One member from a list of nominees submitted by Southwest Louisiana  
24 Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., which has served southwest Louisiana and has the  
25 historical and institutional knowledge of patient care within the community.

26 (i) Five members from a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana  
27 Department of Health; two of whom shall be persons diagnosed with sickle cell  
28 disease, one of whom shall be a parent of a person diagnosed with sickle cell disease,

