

1-1 By: Johnson of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 3405  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Miles)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;  
1-4 April 24, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-5 & Human Services; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Kolkhorst	X		
1-10	Perry	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Campbell		X	
1-13	Flores	X		
1-14	Johnson	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Powell	X		
1-17	Seliger	X		

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the establishment of a sickle cell task force.  
1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-22 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-23 amended by adding Chapter 50 to read as follows:  
1-24 CHAPTER 50. SICKLE CELL TASK FORCE  
1-25 Sec. 50.001. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE. The executive  
1-26 commissioner, in collaboration with the members appointed to the  
1-27 Newborn Screening Advisory Committee to represent the sickle cell  
1-28 community, shall establish and maintain a task force to raise  
1-29 awareness of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait.  
1-30 Sec. 50.002. DUTIES. (a) The task force shall study and  
1-31 advise the department on implementing the recommendations made in  
1-32 the 2018 Sickle Cell Advisory Committee Report published by the  
1-33 Sickle Cell Advisory Committee or any other report the executive  
1-34 commissioner determines is appropriate.  
1-35 (b) The executive commissioner may assign tasks to the task  
1-36 force to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.  
1-37 Sec. 50.003. COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE. The task force is  
1-38 composed of the following members appointed by the executive  
1-39 commissioner:  
1-40 (1) two members from community-based organizations  
1-41 with experience addressing the needs of individuals with sickle  
1-42 cell disease;  
1-43 (2) two physicians specializing in hematology;  
1-44 (3) two members of the public, each of whom either has  
1-45 sickle cell disease or is a parent of a person with sickle cell  
1-46 disease or trait; and  
1-47 (4) one representative of a health-related  
1-48 institution.  
1-49 Sec. 50.004. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The executive  
1-50 commissioner shall provide administrative support services at the  
1-51 request of the task force.  
1-52 Sec. 50.005. PRESIDING OFFICER; MEETINGS. (a) The task  
1-53 force shall elect a presiding officer from among its membership.  
1-54 (b) The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding  
1-55 officer.  
1-56 (c) The task force shall hold its first meeting not later  
1-57 than December 1, 2019. This subsection expires September 1, 2021.  
1-58 Sec. 50.006. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT; GIFTS, GRANTS,  
1-59 AND DONATIONS. A task force member is not entitled to compensation  
1-60 for service on the task force but is entitled to reimbursement for  
1-61 actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing task force

2-1 duties. The task force may accept gifts, grants, and donations to  
2-2 pay for those expenses.

2-3 Sec. 50.007. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of  
2-4 each year, the task force shall prepare and submit to the governor  
2-5 and the legislature an annual written report that summarizes the  
2-6 task force's work and includes any recommended actions or policy  
2-7 changes endorsed by the task force.

2-8 SECTION 2. The sickle cell task force is not required to  
2-9 comply with the reporting requirements under Section 50.007, Health  
2-10 and Safety Code, as added by this Act, until December 1, 2020.

2-11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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