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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; CREATING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE AND  
RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
TASK FORCE.--

A. The secretary of aging and long-term services shall convene an Alzheimer's disease task force that shall meet over a period of two years to examine and recommend improvements to New Mexico's Alzheimer's disease programs and services. The aging and long-term services department shall provide staff support for the task force.

B. The task force shall analyze strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing those who need care for Alzheimer's disease and compile a comprehensive set of recommendations for long-term and short-term improvements in policy and programs. The task force shall report to the legislative health and human services committee by October 2008.

C. The Alzheimer's disease task force shall have fourteen members, who are entitled to per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act. The task force shall include:

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(1) the governor's health policy advisor;  
(2) one representative each from the aging and long-term services department, the department of health, the human services department and the department of finance and administration, who shall be selected by the secretaries of those departments; and

(3) nine nongovernmental representatives, including three representatives from each of New Mexico's three United States congressional districts appointed by the governor, representing caregivers, researchers, members of Alzheimer's disease organizations and medical professionals. =

