

**117.187. (GP: Prostate Cancer Study Committee) (A) For the current fiscal year, there shall be established the South Carolina Prostate Cancer Study Committee. The study committee shall address, but is not limited to addressing, the following initiatives:**

**(1) the best methods to ensure timely screening, accurate diagnosis, and treatment of prostate cancer;**

**(2) the need for and viability of a continuum of care for those diagnosed with and in remission from prostate cancer;**

**(3) reviewing and evaluating best practices for education and awareness about prostate cancer;**

**(4) identifying areas in South Carolina with a high incidence of prostate cancer or poor outcomes;**

**(5) researching the latest and proven methods for screening, diagnosing, and treating prostate cancer; and**

**(6) reviewing current efforts to promote prostate cancer awareness and screening in South Carolina and how best to improve those efforts.**

**(B) In addition to two Senators appointed by the President of the South Carolina Senate and two members of the House of Representatives as appointed by the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, the committee shall consist of:**

**(1) one Urology or Oncology Specialist from the MUSC School of Medicine;**

**(2) one Urology or Oncology Specialist from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine;**

**(3) three Urology or Oncology Specialists who are not affiliated with the MUSC School of Medicine or the University of South Carolina School of Medicine appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the South Carolina Hospital Association;**

**(4) three Urology or Oncology Specialists who are not affiliated with the MUSC School of Medicine or the University of South Carolina School of Medicine appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives upon recommendation of the South Carolina Medical Association;**

**(5) the Director of the Hollings Cancer Center or his designee;**

**(6) the Director of the South Carolina Office of Rural Health or his designee;**

**(7) the Director of the South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare or his designee;**

**(8) the Director of Clemson Rural Health or his designee;**

**(9) the Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health or his designee;**

**(10) one representative from the American Cancer Society;**

**(11) one patient advocate, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee; and**

***(12) one patient advocate, to be appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.***

***No member of the study committee shall be entitled to any compensation or reimbursement.***

***(C) From the membership of the committee, a Chairman shall be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.***

***(D) Any administrative services or support for the study committee shall be provided by staff of the General Assembly.***

***(E) No later than January 15, 2024, the study committee shall provide the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee with a report on its findings and recommendations on the initiatives contained in this provision.***