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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the President of
9 the University of South Alabama to employ police
10 officers, and would provide for the duties of those
11 police officers.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to the University of South Alabama; to
18 authorize the president of the university to employ police
19 officers; and to provide for the duties of those police
20 officers.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) The President of the University of
23 South Alabama may appoint and employ suitable persons to serve
24 as police officers to keep off intruders and prevent trespass
25 upon and damage to the property and grounds of the university.
26 Such persons shall be charged with all the duties and invested
27 with all the powers of police officers. An officer may eject

1 trespassers from university buildings and grounds owned,
2 leased, or otherwise controlled by the university. An officer
3 may arrest any person for any offense provided by law and
4 shall transport the offender to the nearest district court or
5 municipal court charged with the trial of such offense.

6 (b) The police officers provided for in this section
7 shall cooperate with and, when requested, furnish assistance
8 to the regularly constituted authorities of the Municipalities
9 of Mobile and Fairhope, and their jurisdiction and authority
10 shall be coextensive within the police jurisdictions of those
11 municipalities.

12 (c) Any police officer appointed pursuant to this
13 section or Section 16-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is a peace
14 officer whose authority extends to any place in the state. The
15 primary duty of the police officer shall be the enforcement of
16 the law on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by
17 the university. A police officer may not otherwise act as a
18 peace officer in enforcing the law except:

19 (1) When in pursuit of any offender or suspected
20 offender who is charged with the commission of a crime while
21 on the premises of the institution.

22 (2) To make arrests otherwise lawfully for crimes
23 committed, or for which there is probable cause to believe
24 have been committed, within his or her presence or within the
25 boundaries of property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled
26 by the institution.

1 (d) The provisions of this section or Section
2 16-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, granting authority to a police
3 officer at this institution of higher education, are not
4 intended to limit or abridge any powers heretofore granted to
5 police officers by law, and this section is to be considered
6 cumulative.

7 (e) Nothing in this section shall grant authority to
8 any person appointed under this section to enter a classroom
9 for the purpose of enforcing traffic or parking citations.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.