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4 and Barton
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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 maintain peace and order, to keep off
25 intruders, and to prevent trespass upon and damage to the
26 property and grounds of the university including, but not
27 limited to, any property owned, leased, or otherwise

1 controlled by the university. These persons, who shall be
2 charged with all the duties and invested with all the powers
3 of police officers, may do all of the following:

4 (1) Eject trespassers from university buildings and
5 grounds and any property owned, leased, or otherwise
6 controlled by the university.

7 (2) Arrest without a warrant any person believed
8 guilty of disorderly conduct or of trespass upon the property
9 under the control of the university, or for any public offense
10 committed in their presence, and carry them before the nearest
11 district court or municipal court. Upon proper affidavit
12 charging the offense, the person arrested may be tried by the
13 court and convicted as in cases of persons brought before the
14 court on a warrant.

15 (3) Summon a posse comitatus.

16 (4) Arrest with a warrant any person found upon or
17 near the premises of the university charged with any public
18 offense and take that person before the proper officer.

19 (b) The police officers provided for in this section
20 shall cooperate with and, when requested, furnish assistance
21 to the regularly constituted authorities of the municipalities
22 of Mobile and Fairhope and their jurisdiction and authority
23 shall be coextensive within the police jurisdictions of those
24 municipalities.

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

