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8 CREATING THE ALABAMA TAX INCENTIVES TASK FORCE.

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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted laws that  
11 provide tax incentives having as its purpose the promotion of  
12 economic development through the recruitment, retention, and  
13 expansion of quality business projects within the State of  
14 Alabama; and

15 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature has also enacted  
16 laws that provide tax incentives to individuals and groups;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, it is prudent to study tax incentives and  
19 the individuals and groups that are granted tax incentives, as  
20 well as the financial impact of the tax incentives on this  
21 state; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That

24 (a) The Alabama Tax Incentives Task Force is  
25 established consisting of one or more representatives from  
26 each of the following legislative and executive departments,  
27 and groups, organizations, offices, and associations:

1 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives  
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) Three members of the Senate appointed by the  
4 Lieutenant Governor.

5 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

7 (4) One member appointed by the Governor.

8 (5) The Commissioner of the Department of Revenue or  
9 his or her designee.

10 (6) One member appointed by the Alabama Education  
11 Association.

12 (7) One member appointed by the State Board of  
13 Education.

14 (8) One member appointed by the Business Council of  
15 Alabama.

16 (9) One member appointed by the Alabama Retail  
17 Association.

18 (10) One member appointed by the Alabama Association  
19 of County Commissions.

20 (11) One member appointed by the Alabama National  
21 Federation of Independent Business.

22 (b) In making the appointments pursuant to  
23 subsection (a), the appointing authorities shall strive to  
24 ensure that the composition of the task force is inclusive and  
25 reflects the racial, gender, age, urban/rural, economic,  
26 geographical, and political diversity of the state.

1           (c) A majority of the members shall constitute a  
2 quorum.

3           (d) The Speaker and Lieutenant Governor, jointly,  
4 shall appoint a chair and vice chair from the members named to  
5 the task force.

6           (e) The Speaker of the House of Representatives  
7 shall set a time and date for the first meeting of the task  
8 force. The task force shall thereafter meet monthly and may  
9 use teleconferencing if necessary. The task force may meet  
10 more often upon a joint call of the chairs.

11           (f) The task force shall select from among its  
12 members a chair to preside over meetings of the task force,  
13 and a vice-chair to serve in the absence of the chair.

14           (g) The task force shall meet within 30 days of the  
15 passage of this resolution and shall meet thereafter upon the  
16 call of the chair or the majority vote of the members.

17           (h) The task force shall perform the following  
18 duties:

19           (1) Conduct a comprehensive analysis of the  
20 financial impact on the economic that the tax incentive base  
21 of this state of tax incentives granted individuals and  
22 groups.

23           (2) Adopt recommendations relating to improvement of  
24 the tax incentive process.

25           (i) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of  
26 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall

1 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the task  
2 force.

3 (j) Each legislative member of the task force shall  
4 be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation,  
5 his or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or  
6 she attends a meeting of the task force. Upon requisitions  
7 signed by the chair of the task force, these payments shall be  
8 paid out of any funds appropriated to the use of the  
9 Legislature by means of warrants drawn by the Comptroller on  
10 the State Treasury. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member  
11 shall receive additional legislative compensation or per diem  
12 when the Legislature is in session or if a member is being  
13 paid any other payments on the same dates for attendance on  
14 other state business.

15 (k) Non-legislative members of the task force may be  
16 reimbursed for actual expenses of attending meetings of the  
17 task force consistent with the policies and procedures of the  
18 respective appointing authorities.

19 (l) The task force shall submit a preliminary report  
20 to the Governor and the Legislature by October 1, 2013. The  
21 task force shall submit a final report by the third  
22 legislative day of the 2014 Regular Session of the  
23 Legislature, at which time the task force shall stand  
24 dissolved and discharged of any further duties and  
25 liabilities.

26 (m) The total expenditures of the task force may not  
27 exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

