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8 CREATING THE ALABAMA PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND
9 PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING,

13 (a) (1) The Alabama Pandemic Response and
14 Preparedness Commission is created to study the state's
15 response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist the state in
16 preparing for future pandemics.

17 (2) The commission is charged with reviewing the
18 response of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches
19 of state government, as well as the response of county and
20 municipal governments, to the pandemic.

21 (3) For each branch or level of government, the
22 commission shall identify the principal actions taken in
23 response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the costs and benefits of
24 those actions, and how those actions compared to actions taken
25 in other states.

26 (4) The commission or any of its members may make
27 recommendations on future legislation, policies, or practices

1 that will assist the state in more effectively responding to a
2 future pandemic.

3 (b) (1) The commission shall be comprised of the
4 following members:

5 a. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his or
6 her designee.

7 b. A member of the Senate appointed by the President
8 Pro Tempore of the Senate.

9 c. The Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her
10 designee.

11 d. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or
12 his or her designee.

13 e. A member of the House of Representatives
14 appointed by the Speaker.

15 f. The Minority Leaders of the House of
16 Representatives or his or her designee.

17 g. The Governor or his or her designee.

18 h. The State Health Officer or his or her designee.

19 i. The State Finance Director or his or her
20 designee.

21 j. The Secretary of the Alabama Department of Labor.

22 k. The Director of the Alabama Emergency Management
23 Agency.

24 (2) The commission, by a majority vote, may include
25 additional members as necessary to accomplish the required
26 objectives of the commission.

1 (3) All appointing authorities shall coordinate
2 their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and
3 geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

4 (c) (1) The commission shall hold its first meeting
5 at the call of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
6 90 calendar days of the passage of this resolution. The
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, or their designees, shall serve as
9 co-chairs of the commission.

10 (2) The commission shall thereafter meet at the call
11 of the chair, provided that the commission shall meet at least
12 three times. At least one meeting of the commission shall be a
13 public hearing to receive comments from members of the public
14 concerning the costs and benefits of COVID-19 response
15 measures in this state.

16 (d) (1) Non-legislative members shall serve without
17 compensation except for travel reimbursement to be paid by the
18 member's department or agency according to state law.

19 (2) Legislative members of the commission shall be
20 entitled to their regular legislative compensation, per diem,
21 and travel expenses each day they attend a meeting of the
22 commission in accordance with Amendment 871 to the
23 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
24 49.01 of the Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of
25 Alabama of 1901, as amended. These payments shall be paid out
26 of any funds appropriated for the use of the Legislature by

1 means of warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State
2 Treasury.

3 (e) The commission shall submit a report of its
4 findings and any recommendations to the Governor and the
5 Legislature on or before the first day of the 2022 Regular
6 Session, at which time it shall stand dissolved.