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8 CREATING THE STUDY COMMISSION ON PRE-TRIAL SERVICES
9 AND ALTERNATIVE COURTS.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Study Commission on
13 Pre-Trial Services and Alternative Courts is established.

14 (a) The purpose of the Study Commission on Pre-Trial
15 Services and Alternative Courts is to study the process of
16 gaining entrance into pre-trial diversion or alternative
17 courts and to seek methods for making these services more
18 uniform and accessible to all Alabamians. The commission shall
19 consider the entrance cost to programs, indigency
20 availability, effectiveness of services rendered, and program
21 uniformity.

22 (b) The Study Commission on Pre-Trial Services and
23 Alternative Courts shall be comprised of the following
24 members:

25 (1) The Executive Director of the Alabama Sentencing
26 Commission, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission.

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

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

5 (4) A circuit court judge appointed by the President
6 of the Circuit Court Judges Association.

7 (5) A circuit court judge appointed by the Alabama
8 Supreme Court.

9 (6) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama
10 District Attorneys Association.

11 (7) The Executive Director of the Alabama Office of
12 Prosecution Services.

13 (8) A practicing attorney appointed by the Alabama
14 Bar Association.

15 (9) A representative of a legal research
16 organization appointed by the President of the Circuit Court
17 Judges Association.

18 (10) A representative of a legal research
19 organization appointed by the Executive Director of the
20 Alabama Office of Prosecution Services.

21 (11) A representative of the Association of County
22 Commissions of Alabama.

23 (c) All appointing authorities shall coordinate
24 their appointments to assure the commission is inclusive and
25 reflects the racial, gender, geographical, urban, rural, and
26 economic diversity of this state.

1 (d) The study commission shall meet as needed at the
2 call of the chair.

3 (e) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his
4 or her appointing authority. A vacancy in the membership shall
5 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

6 (f) Members of the commission shall serve without
7 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses as follows:

8 (1) The legislative members of the study commission
9 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem,
10 and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
11 study commission, in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

13 (2) Other members of the commission may be
14 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the
15 commission according to policies and procedures of their
16 respective appointing authority.

17 (g) A majority of the members of the study
18 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
19 all business at a regular or special meeting.

20 (h) The study commission shall hold its initial
21 meeting no later than September 1, 2020. Each appointment made
22 shall be indicated to the Executive Director of the Alabama
23 Sentencing Commission no later than the first day of the third
24 month following the Governor's signature of the resolution.

25 (i) The study commission shall submit a report of
26 its findings and recommendations to the Senate President Pro
27 Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or

1 before the first day of the 2021 legislative session, at which
2 time it shall be dissolved.