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4 ENROLLED, SJR46,

5 CREATING THE STUDY COMMISSION ON PRE-TRIAL SERVICES  
6 AND ALTERNATIVE COURTS.

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

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

19 (b) The Study Commission on Pre-Trial Services and  
20 Alternative Courts shall be comprised of the following  
21 members:

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

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

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

3           (4) One member appointed by the Senate Minority  
4 Leader.

5           (5) One member appointed by the House Minority  
6 Leader.

7           (6) A circuit court judge appointed by the President  
8 of the Circuit Court Judges' Association.

9           (7) A circuit court judge appointed by the Alabama  
10 Supreme Court.

11           (8) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama  
12 District Attorneys Association.

13           (9) The Executive Director of the Alabama Office of  
14 Prosecution Services.

15           (10) A practicing attorney appointed by the Alabama  
16 Bar Association.

17           (11) A representative of a legal research  
18 organization appointed by the President of the Circuit Court  
19 Judges' Association.

20           (12) A representative of a legal research  
21 organization appointed by the Executive Director of the  
22 Alabama Office of Prosecution Services.

23           (13) A representative of the Association of County  
24 Commissions of Alabama.

1           (c) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
2 their appointments to assure the commission is inclusive and  
3 reflects the racial, gender, geographical, urban, rural, and  
4 economic diversity of this state.

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

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

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

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

17           (2) Other members of the commission may be  
18 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the  
19 commission according to policies and procedures of their  
20 respective appointing authority.

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

24          (h) The study commission shall hold its initial  
25 meeting no later than September 1, 2021. Each appointment made

1 shall be indicated to the Executive Director of the Alabama  
2 Sentencing Commission no later than the first day of the third  
3 month following the Governor's signature of the resolution.

4 (i) The study commission shall submit a report of  
5 its findings and recommendations to the Senate President Pro  
6 Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or  
7 before the first day of the 2022 Legislative Session, at which  
8 time it shall be dissolved.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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