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3 By Senator Smitherman  
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URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO IMPLEMENT THE ALABAMA PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION ACT.

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Alabama Legislature enacted  
the Alabama Public Transportation Act, Act 2018-161 (2018  
Regular Session), which established a program to provide a  
flexible source of funding to help families attain economic  
stability and contribute to economic growth by funding public  
transportation and related infrastructure in the state. The  
act charged the Alabama Department of Economic and Community  
Affairs with maintaining and administering the Alabama Public  
Transportation Trust Fund and appointing members to the  
Alabama Public Transportation Fund Advisory Committee to  
administer the grant program; and

WHEREAS, Alabama is one of only three states without  
state funding for public transportation and is therefore not  
eligible to receive federal matching funds; and

WHEREAS, public transportation saves money, improves  
road congestion, reduces air pollution, and benefits

1 communities by increasing business sales and residential  
2 property values; and

3 WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Economic and  
4 Community Affairs has neither appointed members to the Alabama  
5 Public Transportation Fund Advisory Committee nor taken  
6 sufficient steps to implement the Alabama Public  
7 Transportation Act and administer the trust fund to invest in  
8 public transportation; now therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we, the members of the Senate  
11 and the House of Representatives of the State of Alabama,  
12 direct the Alabama Department of Economic and Community  
13 Affairs to fulfill the obligations entrusted to the department  
14 by this Legislature and appoint members to the Alabama Public  
15 Transportation Fund Advisory Committee in order to begin  
16 implementation of the Alabama Public Transportation Act to  
17 fund public transportation options in this state.