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Senate Resolution 32

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th and Robertson of the 29th

## ADOPTED SENATE

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Urging the Attorney General to negotiate with the State of Alabama terms of a reciprocal
- 2 immunity agreement for officials of either state carrying out certain official duties in the
- 3 territorial limits of the other state that can be adopted by the legislatures of each state; and
- 4 for other purposes.
- 5 WHEREAS, the proximity of the Columbus Consolidated Government with the State of
- 6 Alabama has created situations where officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government,
- 7 including law enforcement officers, have to carry out some of their official duties in the State
- 8 of Alabama, including without limitation rendering aid or assistance and operating motor
- 9 vehicles in the State of Alabama; and
- 10 WHEREAS, such officials of the Columbus Consolidated Government as well as other state,
- 11 county, municipality, or consolidated government officials who carry out some of their
- official duties in the State of Alabama may not have the same immunity protections as when
- 13 those officials carry out their official duties in this state; and
- 14 WHEREAS, ensuring that such officials have the same immunity protections in the State of
- 15 Alabama as they do in this state when carrying out their official duties would promote

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16 cooperation between such officials and officials of the State of Alabama and would enable

- such officials to carry out their official duties without fear of lawsuits.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 19 urge the Attorney General to negotiate with the State of Alabama to reach satisfactory terms
- 20 of a reciprocal immunity agreement for officials of either state carrying out certain official
- 21 duties in the territorial limits of the other state that can be adopted by the legislatures of each
- 22 state.
- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 24 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Attorney
- 25 General and other employees of the Department of Law.