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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law does not require the University
9 of Alabama System to establish and maintain
10 intercollegiate football at its campus located in
11 Birmingham.

12 This bill would require the University of
13 Alabama System, so long as it has a football
14 program at its Tuscaloosa campus, to establish and
15 maintain intercollegiate football at its campus
16 located in Birmingham.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to football; to require the University of
23 Alabama System, so long as it has a football program at its
24 Tuscaloosa campus, to establish and maintain intercollegiate
25 football at its campus located in Birmingham.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) So long as the University of Alabama
2 System maintains an intercollegiate football program at the
3 Tuscaloosa campus, the system must also maintain an
4 intercollegiate football program at the Birmingham campus.

5 (b) The intercollegiate football program maintained
6 at the Birmingham campus shall be funded at an appropriate
7 level to participate in the Football Bowl Series Division, or
8 its successor.

9 (c) It shall not be a requirement that the football
10 program participate in a Power 5 Conference, but shall at the
11 university's option participate in the same conference as all
12 other intercollegiate sports offered at the university.

13 Section 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that
14 constitutionally created boards of trustees fully comply with
15 the requirements of this section.

16 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
17 first day of the third month following its passage and
18 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.