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8 ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL
9 SAFETY AND SECURITY.

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11 WHEREAS, with recent shootings at many schools,
12 colleges, and universities around the nation, the threat of
13 violence at our public schools, colleges, and universities in
14 the State of Alabama is an issue that deserves significant
15 attention and review; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility
17 to make sure that our schools across the state are as safe,
18 secure, and protected as possible; and

19 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the state's
20 current educational and safety laws, regulations, and policies
21 will help the Legislature make equitable, meaningful, and
22 effective changes for the well-being of our citizens; now
23 therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Emergency
26 Task Force on School Safety and Security.

1 (a) The membership of the task force shall be
2 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban,
3 rural, and economic diversity of the state. The membership of
4 the task force shall consist of all of the following:

5 (1) A teacher appointed by the Governor.

6 (2) The Superintendent of the Alabama Department of
7 Education, or his or her designee.

8 (3) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College
9 System, or his or her designee.

10 (4) The president of a four-year university
11 appointed by the Alabama Council of College and University
12 Presidents.

13 (5) The president of a two-year college appointed by
14 the Alabama Council of College and University Presidents.

15 (6) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
16 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

17 (7) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
18 Mental Health, or his or her designee.

19 (8) The Director of the Alabama Emergency Management
20 Agency, or his or her designee.

21 (9) The Secretary of Information Technology, or his
22 or her designee.

23 (10) A local education superintendent appointed by
24 the School Superintendents Association of Alabama.

25 (11) A member of a local school board appointed by
26 the Alabama School Boards Association.

1 (12) A certified school resource officer appointed
2 by the Alabama Association of School Resource Officers.

3 (13) A licensed school counselor appointed by the
4 Alabama School Counselor Association.

5 (14) A sheriff appointed by the Alabama Sheriffs
6 Association.

7 (15) A police chief appointed by the Alabama
8 Association of Chiefs of Police.

9 (16) A local emergency management director appointed
10 by the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers.

11 (17) The Chair of the House Education Policy
12 Committee.

13 (18) The Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

14 (19) An attorney specializing in education law
15 appointed by the Alabama Law Institute.

16 (20) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee.

17 (21) An active law enforcement officer with
18 experience in active shooter and other emergency situations in
19 schools appointed by the Alabama Tactical Officers
20 Association.

21 (b) The task force shall have all of the following
22 duties:

23 (1) Complete a comprehensive review and assessment
24 of state laws, regulations, protocols, and minimum standards
25 in place concerning school safety and security.

26 (2) Identify gaps in school safety and security that
27 need to be addressed.

1 (3) Submit recommendations for immediate, achievable
2 legislative actions to the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
4 the appropriate legislative committees to ensure that public
5 schools across the State of Alabama are as safe, secure, and
6 protected as possible.

7 (c) (1) Appointments to the task force shall be made
8 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

9 (2) The task force shall hold its first meeting no
10 later than August 1, 2016, with the date, time, and location
11 of the meeting designated by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives.

13 (3) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect
14 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the
15 task force, and shall set dates, times, and locations of
16 subsequent meetings.

17 (d) The House of Representatives and the Senate
18 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the task
19 force to perform its duties.

20 (e) Members of the task force shall serve without
21 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in
22 attending meetings of the task force according to the policies
23 and procedures of their respective appointing authority.

24 (f) The task force shall submit its findings and
25 recommendations in writing by December 31, 2016, at which time
26 the task force shall be dissolved.

1 (g) A copy of this resolution shall be sent to all
2 appointing authorities of the task force.