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3 By Senators Marsh, Chambliss, Albritton, Sanford, Ward,
4 McClendon, Reed, Waggoner, Williams, Holtzclaw, Glover,
5 Brewbaker, Coleman-Madison, Melson, Singleton, Smitherman,
6 Dunn, Beasley, Figures, Orr, Ross, Scofield, Bussman,
7 Shelnutt, Hightower, Allen, Stutts and Pittman
8 RFD:
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4 ENROLLED, SJR52,

5 TO AMEND AND READOPT ACT 2016-480, HJR62, 2016 FIRST
6 SPECIAL SESSION, TO RECREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
7 ON BUDGET REFORM.

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9 WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Budget
10 Reform was created by the Legislature during the 2016 First
11 Special Session (Act 2016-480) to examine the structure and
12 design of the state budgeting process and make recommendations
13 for long-term budget and tax system reforms; and

14 WHEREAS, the task force has held numerous meetings
15 to hear testimony and examine potential policy approaches
16 relating to the expenditures of state government within the
17 General Fund and the existing structure of the state budgeting
18 process; and

19 WHEREAS, due to the diligent work of task force
20 members, the task force has made significant progress in
21 formulating suggested policy changes to the budgeting process
22 which will facilitate thorough review and oversight of state
23 agency spending and ensure that taxpayer dollars are
24 appropriated in the best possible manner; and

1 WHEREAS, task force members are commended for their
2 efforts to formulate meaningful budget reform and should be
3 afforded additional time to complete their research and
4 finalize recommendations to the Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, an Initial Report of the Joint Legislative
6 Task Force on Budget Reform was provided as required by Act
7 2016-480, HJR62 of the 2016 First Special Session; within that
8 report, the task force requested to be continued and the date
9 for the final report extended until the fifth Legislative Day
10 of the 2018 Regular Session; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Act 2016-480, HJR62 of the
13 2016 First Special Session, relating to the Joint Legislative
14 Task Force on Budget Reform, is amended and readopted as
15 follows:

16 That a Joint Legislative Task Force on Budget Reform
17 is created to examine the structure and design of the state
18 budgeting process and make recommendations for long-term
19 budget and tax system reforms.

20 (a) The committee is composed of the following:

21 (1) Sen. Greg Albritton (R-Range)

22 (2) Sen. Clyde Chambliss (R-Prattville)

23 (3) Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison (D-Birmingham)

24 (4) Sen. Bill Hightower (R-Mobile)

25 (5) Sen. Bill Holtzclaw (R-Madison)

1 (6) Sen. Bobby Singleton (D-Greensboro)

2 (7) Sen. Phil Williams (R-Rainbow City)

3 (8) Rep. Anthony Daniels (D-Huntsville)

4 (9) Rep. Allen Farley (R-McCalla)

5 (10) Rep. Danny Garrett (R-Trussville)

6 (11) Rep. John Knight (D-Montgomery)

7 (12) Rep. Chris Pringle (R-Mobile)

8 (13) Rep. Kyle South (R-Fayette)

9 (14) Rep. Rich Wingo (R-Tuscaloosa)

10 (b) The task force shall evaluate and recommend
11 changes to state budgeting practices including, but not
12 limited to:

13 (1) Adjustments to the budgeting process for the
14 Education Trust Fund and General Fund.

15 (2) Requiring state entities to undergo greater
16 performance and program reviews.

17 (3) Unearmarking funds in order to provide for
18 greater legislative oversight and appropriating flexibility.

19 (4) Reviewing existing state tax credits,
20 deductions, and exemptions that result in the loss of
21 approximately \$4.5 billion in revenue to our state budgets
22 each year, and creating a policy to ensure that future tax
23 credits effectively provide economic gain to the state.

1 (5) Identifying areas to provide tax relief to
2 Alabama families without significantly impacting state
3 budgets.

4 (c) (1) The task force shall submit an Interim Report
5 to the Legislature by the final day of the 2017 Regular
6 Session.

7 (2) The task force shall meet monthly and shall
8 report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the
9 Legislature not later than the fifth legislative day of the
10 2018 Regular Session, whereupon the task force shall stand
11 dissolved and discharged of any further duties and
12 liabilities.

13 (d) Each member of the task force shall be entitled
14 to his or her regular legislative compensation, per diem, and
15 travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of
16 the task force in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
17 Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be paid
18 out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
19 means of warrants drawn by the state Comptroller on the State
20 Treasury.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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.

House of Representatives
Adopted: 09-MAR-17

By: Senator Marsh