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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to schools; to create the Alabama Task
9 Force on School Safety and Security; to require the task force
10 to annually study the educational and safety laws, rules, and
11 policies of this state; and to require the task force to make
12 legislative recommendations to the Legislature when necessary.
13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. The Legislature finds all of the
15 following:

16 (1) With recent shootings at many schools, colleges,
17 and universities around the nation, the threat of violence at
18 our public schools, colleges, and universities in the State of
19 Alabama is an issue that deserves significant attention and
20 review.

21 (2) The State of Alabama has a responsibility to
22 ensure that our schools across the state are as safe, secure,
23 and protected as possible.

24 (3) An annual comprehensive study of the educational
25 and safety laws, rules, and policies of the state will help
26 the Legislature make equitable, meaningful, and effective
27 changes for the well-being of our students and citizens.

1 Section 2. (a) The Alabama Task Force on School
2 Safety and Security is created.

3 (b) The membership of the task force shall be
4 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban,
5 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

6 (c) The membership of the task force shall consist
7 of all of the following:

8 (1) The Governor, or his or her designee.

9 (2) A teacher appointed by the Governor.

10 (3) The Superintendent of the Alabama Department of
11 Education, or his or her designee.

12 (4) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College
13 System, or his or her designee.

14 (5) The president of a four-year university
15 appointed by the Alabama Council of College and University
16 Presidents.

17 ~~(6) The president of a two-year college appointed by~~
18 ~~the Alabama Council of College and University Presidents.~~

19 (6) A principal of the Council for Leaders in
20 Alabama Schools, appointed by the executive director of the
21 council.

22 (7) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
23 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

24 (8) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
25 Mental Health, or his or her designee.

26 (9) The Director of the Alabama Emergency Management
27 Agency, or his or her designee.

1 (10) The Secretary of Information Technology, or his
2 or her designee.

3 (11) A local education superintendent appointed by
4 the School Superintendents Association of Alabama.

5 (12) A member of a local school board appointed by
6 the Alabama School Boards Association.

7 (13) A certified school resource officer appointed
8 by the Alabama Association of School Resource Officers.

9 (14) A licensed school counselor appointed by the
10 Alabama School Counselor Association.

11 (15) A sheriff appointed by the Alabama Sheriffs
12 Association.

13 (16) A police chief appointed by the Alabama
14 Association of Chiefs of Police.

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

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

19 (19) The Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

20 (20) A member appointed by the Speaker of the
21 Alabama House of Representatives.

22 (21) A member appointed by the President Pro Tempore
23 of the Alabama Senate.

24 (22) An attorney specializing in education law
25 appointed by the Alabama Law Institute.

26 (23) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee.

1 (24) An active law enforcement officer with
2 experience in active shooter and other emergency situations in
3 schools appointed by the Alabama Tactical Officers
4 Association.

5 (d)(1) Appointments to the task force shall be made
6 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

7 Section 3. The task force shall have all of the
8 following duties:

9 (1) Complete a comprehensive annual review and
10 assessment of state laws, rules, protocols, and minimum
11 standards in place concerning school safety and security.

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

14 (3) As needed, submit recommendations for immediate,
15 achievable legislative actions to the Governor, the Speaker of
16 the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
17 Senate, and the appropriate legislative committees to ensure
18 that public schools across the State of Alabama are as safe,
19 secure, and protected as possible.

20 Section 4. (a) The task force shall hold its first
21 meeting no later than August 1, 2018, with the date, time, and
22 location of the meeting designated by the Speaker of the House
23 of Representatives.

24 (b) The task force shall meet at least once, and
25 annually thereafter, to determine if any recommendations
26 should be made to the Legislature to enhance school safety.

1 (c) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect
2 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the
3 task force, and shall set dates, times, and locations of
4 subsequent meetings.

5 (d) The House of Representatives, the Senate, and
6 the Legislative Services Agency shall provide the necessary
7 staff and support to the task force to perform its duties as
8 needed.

9 (e) (1) Members of the task force shall serve without
10 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in
11 attending meetings of the task force according to the policies
12 and procedures of their respective appointing authority.

13 (2) Legislative members of the task force shall be
14 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
15 travel expenses for each day in attendance of a task force
16 meeting in accordance with Amendment 871 of the Constitution
17 of Alabama of 1901.

18 Section 5. If the task force has any legislative
19 recommendations, the task force shall submit to the
20 Legislature its findings and recommendations in writing by
21 December 31 of each year.

22 Section 6. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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