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8 SYNOPSIS: Previously, under law, the Services for
9 Alabama Families Study Commission operated pursuant
10 to a joint resolution.

11 This bill would reestablish the commission
12 as a continuing entity and specify its composition,
13 duties, procedures, and compensation.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Creating the Services for Alabama Families Study
20 Commission, and specifying composition, duties, procedures,
21 and compensation.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. The Services for Alabama Families Study
24 Commission is created as a permanent commission.

25 Section 2. (a) The commission shall be composed of
26 the following members:

1 (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the
2 Lieutenant Governor.

3 (2) Three members of the House of Representatives
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

5 (3) One member appointed by the Governor.

6 (4) The State Health Officer, or the designee of the
7 officer.

8 (5) The Director of the Department of Youth
9 Services, or the designee of the director.

10 (6) The Commissioner of the Department of Human
11 Resources, or the designee of the commissioner.

12 (7) The Commissioner of Children's Affairs, or the
13 designee of the commissioner.

14 (8) The Executive Director of the Children's Trust
15 Fund, or the designee of the executive director.

16 (9) The State Superintendent of Education, or the
17 designee of the superintendent.

18 (10) The Chancellor of the Department of Post
19 Secondary Education, or the designee of the chancellor.

20 (11) One family court or juvenile court judge
21 appointed by the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court.

22 (12) The Director of Voices for Alabama's Children,
23 or the designee of the director.

24 (13) The President of the Alabama Network of Family
25 Resource Centers, or the designee of the president.

26 (b) Members of the commission shall serve at the
27 pleasure of the appointing authority.

1 (c) Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing
2 authority who appointed the vacating member.

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

6 (e) The Lieutenant Governor shall call the
7 organizational meeting and preside during the election of the
8 initial chair, vice chair, and secretary by the members of the
9 commission.

10 (f) The commission shall adopt procedures and may
11 establish subcommittees composed of members of the commission.

12 (g) Meetings may be called by the chair or a
13 majority of the members of the commission.

14 Section 3. The commission shall study various issues
15 related to family services. Duties of the commission include
16 each of the following:

17 (1) Gathering information about services provided by
18 the different family services programs in the state.

19 (2) Determining the geographic location of each
20 program in the state.

21 (3) Examining the funding sources and funding
22 limitations of the programs in the state.

23 (4) Reviewing the accountability and quality
24 measures currently employed by the various centers.

25 (5) Reviewing the interaction and collaboration of
26 all family resources in the state.

1 (6) Compiling and summarizing the data collected by
2 the commission.

3 (7) Making recommendations to the Legislature and
4 the Governor when appropriate regarding the operation,
5 services, location, and funding of the family resource centers
6 and other family service programs in the state.

7 Section 4. (a) Upon the request of the chair, the
8 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives shall provide necessary clerical assistance
10 for the work of the commission.

11 (b) Each legislative member of the commission shall
12 be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation,
13 his or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or
14 she attends a meeting of the commission or a subcommittee of
15 the commission. Upon requisitions signed by the chair of the
16 commission, these payments shall be paid out of any funds
17 appropriated to the use of the Legislature by means of
18 warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State Treasury.
19 Notwithstanding the foregoing, no legislative member shall
20 receive additional legislative compensation or per diem when
21 the Legislature is in session or if a member is being paid any
22 other payments on the same dates for attendance on other state
23 business.

24 (c) Each non-legislative member of the commission
25 may be paid expenses as may be provided by the entity such
26 member represents.

1 (d) The total expenditures of the commission may not
2 exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in any single year.

3 Section 5. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.