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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow the Board of Trustees
9 of Auburn University, the executive committee of
10 the board of trustees, or any other committee
11 established by the board of trustees to participate
12 in meetings by telephone conference or video
13 conference if notice of the meetings is given
14 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the members
15 of the public are given the opportunity to
16 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 16-48-7, Code of Alabama 1975,
23 relating to meetings of the Board of Trustees of Auburn
24 University, to allow the board, the executive committee of the
25 board of trustees, or any other committee established by the
26 board of trustees to participate in meetings by telephone
27 conference or video conference if notice of the meetings is

1 given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the members of the
2 public are given the opportunity to simultaneously listen to
3 or observe such meetings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 16-48-7, Code of Alabama 1975, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§16-48-7.

8 "(a) The Board of Trustees of Auburn University
9 shall hold its regular annual meeting each year at the
10 institute on the first Monday in June, unless the board shall,
11 in regular session, determine to hold its meeting at some
12 other time and place. Special meetings of the board may be
13 assembled by either one of the two methods outlined as
14 follows:

15 "(1) Special meetings of the board may be called by
16 the Governor. In calling such special meetings the Governor
17 shall mail a written notice to each trustee at least 10 days
18 in advance of the date of such meetings.

19 "(2) Upon the application in writing of any three
20 members of the board, the Governor shall call a special
21 meeting, naming the time and place thereof and causing notices
22 to be issued in writing to the several members of the board.
23 Such meeting shall not be held on a date less than 10 days
24 subsequent to the notice from the Governor.

25 "(b) The members of the board of trustees may recess
26 at any regular or special meeting from one date to another,

1 and at such adjourned meeting they may transact any business
2 relating to the affairs of the institution.

3 "(c) Members of the board of trustees, the executive
4 committee of the board of trustees, or any other committee
5 established by the board of trustees may participate in a
6 meeting of the board or committee by means of telephone
7 conference, video conference, or similar communications
8 equipment by means of which all persons participating in the
9 meeting may hear each other at the same time. Participation by
10 such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting
11 for all purposes, including the establishment of a quorum.
12 Notice of such meetings must be given in accordance with the
13 Alabama Open Meetings Act and such telephone or video
14 conference or similar communications equipment shall also
15 allow members of the public the opportunity to simultaneously
16 listen to or observe such meetings."

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective
18 immediately following its passage and approval by the
19 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.