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8 SYNOPSIS:

This bill would relate to the Alabama
Criminal Justice Information Center Commission and the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center and would further provide for the members of the commission and the operation of the commission and center, including the providing of information relating to homeland security. The bill would authorize the commission to charge fees for information related to noncriminal background checks, establish the crime of misuse of ACJIC information, authorize the commission to establish the Alabama Statistical Analysis Center and authorize research and development.

The bill would also ratify and provide for the implementation of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Act relating to the authorized interstate exchange of criminal information for noncriminal purposes and would authorize any licensing agency or board to require a criminal

background check as a part of its licensing requirements.

Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from becoming effective with regard to a local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for the purpose.

The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of the amendment. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective because it comes within one of the specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

24 A BILL

25 TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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To amend Sections 41-9-590, 41-9-591, 41-9-592, 1 41-9-594, 41-9-595, 41-9-597, 41-9-600, 41-9-601, 41-9-621 to 2 41-9-623, inclusive, 41-9-625, and 41-9-630, Code of Alabama 3 1975, to further provide for the operation, powers, and duties of the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission 5 6 and the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, including 7 the providing of information related to homeland security; to further provide for crimes and penalties related to 8 9 violations; to ratify and implement the National Crime 10 Prevention and Privacy Compact; to authorize any licensing or permitting agency or board to require a criminal background 11 12 check by rule as a part of its licensing or permitting 13 requirements; and in connection therewith would have as its 14 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased 15 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as 16 17 Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. 18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: 19 Section 1. Sections 41-9-590, 41-9-591, 41-9-592, 20 41-9-594, 41-9-595, 41-9-597, 41-9-600, 41-9-601, 41-9-621 to 21 22 41-9-623, inclusive, 41-9-625, and 41-9-630, Code of Alabama 23 1975, are amended to read as follows: "\$41-9-590. 24 "When used in this article, the following terms 25 shall have the following meanings, respectively, unless the 26 27 context clearly indicates a different meaning:

1	" $\frac{(6)}{(1)}$ ACJIC. The Alabama Criminal Justice
2	Information Center.
3	" $\frac{(7)}{(2)}$ CENTER. The Alabama Criminal Justice
4	Information Center.
5	" $\frac{(4)}{(3)}$ COMMISSION. The Alabama Criminal Justice
6	Information Center Commission.
7	"(1)(4) CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES AGENCY. Such term
8	shall include those public agencies at all levels of
9	government which perform as their principal function
10	activities or planning for such activities relating to the
11	identification, apprehension, prosecution, adjudication or
12	rehabilitation of civil, traffic and criminal offenders.
13	"(5) ACJICC. The Alabama Criminal Justice
14	Information Center Commission.
15	" $\frac{(8)}{(5)}$ DIRECTOR. The Director of the Alabama
16	Criminal Justice Information Center.
17	"(6) EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCY. Includes non-law
18	enforcement public agencies at all levels of government which
19	perform as their principal function activities or planning for
20	any activities relating to the protection of the public and
21	response to emergency situations and homeland security.
22	"(3)(7) CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM and
23	SYSTEM. Such terms shall include that portion of those public
24	agencies, procedures, mechanisms, media and Criminal Justice
25	Information Center forms as well as the information itself
26	involved in the origination, transmittal, storage, retrieval,
27	analysis and dissemination of information related to reported

offenses, offenders and actions related to such events or persons required to be reported to and received by, as well as stored, analyzed and disseminated by the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission through the center. The combination of information technology, including computer equipment and infrastructure, data, forms, procedures, and mechanisms for the origination, transmittal, storage, retrieval, analysis, and dissemination of data, and the people who collect and use the data.

" $\frac{(2)}{(8)}$  OFFENSE. Any act which is a felony, or is a misdemeanor, state violation, or a municipal violation as described in Section 41-9-622.

"(9) PARTICIPATING AGENCY. Any agency or entity that subscribes to, accesses, or views any ACJIC information system.

"\$41-9-591.

"(a) There is hereby created and established an Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission, which shall establish, develop, and continue to operate a center and system for the interstate and intrastate accumulation, storage, retrieval, analysis and dissemination of vital information relating to certain crimes, criminals and criminal activity to information systems to support criminal justice, law enforcement, homeland security, and emergency response agencies. The center shall be known as the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center.

Ι	"(b) Central responsibility for the development,
2	maintenance, operation, and administration of the $\frac{\text{Alabama}}{\text{Alabama}}$
3	Criminal Justice Information Center center shall be vested
4	with the Director of the ACJIC under the supervision of the
5	Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission
6	commission.
7	"(c) The center shall be designated the CJIS Systems
8	Agency (CSA) to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal
9	Justice Information Systems Division, or its successor, and
10	the Nlets System Agency (NSA) to Nlets, or its successor. The
11	center shall have the authority to enforce all laws and
12	regulations regarding transmittal, exchange, and retrieval of
13	information with and through these entities. The director, or
14	his or her designee, shall serve as the representative to
15	these entities.
16	<b>"</b> §41-9-592.
17	"(a) The commission shall be composed of two
18	sections.
19	"(b) The voting section will shall include all of
20	the following:
21	" <u>(1) The</u> the Attorney General,.
22	"(2) The the Chairman of the Board of Pardons and
23	Paroles <del>.</del>
24	"(3) The the Commissioner of the Board of
25	Corrections 7.
26	"(4) The the President of the Alabama Sheriffs'
27	Association—

1	" <u>(5) The</u> the Director of the Department of Public
2	Safety <del>.</del>
3	"(6) The the President of the Alabama Association of
4	Chiefs of Police 7.
5	"(7) The the Director of the Alabama Law Enforcement
6	Planning Agency, Department of Economic and Community Affairs.
7	" <u>(8) The</u> President of the <u>Alabama</u> District
8	Attorney's Association, .
9	" <u>(9) The</u> President of the <u>Alabama</u> Circuit
10	Clerks' Association 7.
11	" <u>(10) The</u> the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme
12	Court <del>,</del>
13	" <u>(11) The</u> President of the Alabama <del>Association</del>
14	of Intermediate Court Judges, District Judges' Association.
15	" <u>(12) The</u> President of the <u>Alabama</u> Circuit
16	Judges' Association 7.
17	"(13) The the Governor's coordinator of Alabama
18	Highway and Traffic Safety and Director of the Department of
19	Homeland Security.
20	"(14) The State Chief Information Officer, or if not
21	appointed, the Director of the Data Systems Management
22	Division Information Services Division of the Alabama
23	Department of Finance.
24	"(15) The Director of the Alabama Emergency
25	Management Agency.
26	" $\underline{(c)}$ The advisory section $\underline{\text{will}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ include: the
27	presiding officer of the Alabama Senate, the Speaker of the

Τ	Alabama house of Representatives, the President of the
2	Association of County Commissions of Alabama, the President of
3	the Alabama League of Municipalities, the Administrative
4	Director of the Courts, the Executive Director for the Alabama
5	Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission, the
6	Director of the Alabama Sentencing Commission, a
7	representative of entities who own or operate critical
8	infrastructure (as defined at 42 U.S.C. §5195c(e), as amended)
9	in the State of Alabama, to be appointed by the Governor, and
10	a citizen of the State of Alabama, to be appointed by the
11	Governor.
12	"(d) The non-appointed member shall have authority
13	to select a designee based upon qualifications and with a view
14	of continuity of representation and attendance at the
15	commission meetings.
16	"(e) No person or individual shall continue to serve
17	on the commission when he <u>or she</u> no longer officially
18	represents the function or serves in the capacity enumerated
19	in this section as a member to which he or she was elected or
20	appointed, except the critical infrastructure and citizen
21	appointees who serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
22	"(f) A report of the commission's work shall be
23	provided to the Alabama Legislature by the 5th legislative day
24	of each regular session of the Legislature.

"§41-9-594.

"(a) The commission shall establish its own rules, regulations, and policies for the performance of the responsibilities charged to it in this article.

- "(b) The commission shall ensure that: The the information obtained under authority of this article is restricted to the items germane to the implementation of this article; and that the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center (ACJIC) center is administered so as not to accumulate or distribute any information not required by this article; and.
- "(c) The commission shall ensure that adequate safeguards are incorporated so that data available through this system ACJIC information systems is used only by properly authorized persons and agencies.

"(b)(d) The chair of the commission shall appoint a Privacy and Security Committee from the membership of the commission who are elected officials or their designees, consisting of a chair and three members, to study the privacy and security implications of criminal justice sharing information through ACJIC information systems and to formulate policy recommendations for consideration by the commission concerning the collection, storage, dissemination, or usage of criminal justice the information.

"(c)(e) The commission may adopt policies regarding the collection, storage, and dissemination of arrest and criminal history information that conform to the policies of

the National Crime Information Center of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Justice Information Systems Division.

"(f) The commission may adopt policies and regulations to permit ACJIC may supply employee criminal records as provided in subsection (a) and to perform name-based background checks through the ACJIC information systems for noncriminal purposes. The commission may limit who may receive this information and may provide for the procedure for obtaining the records including, but not limited to, charging a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee fees not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) for securing records through the an ACJIC information system.

"(d)(g) Any rule, regulation, or policy of the commission to the contrary notwithstanding, the police department of any college or university in this state which offers medical, nursing, and health care education, or which operates a hospital, including, but not limited to, the University of Alabama in Birmingham and the University of South Alabama, and excluding the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa may request from the ACJIC a criminal background check on any person who applies for employment with the college or university, and may charge a background search fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) from each applicant for each search conducted on the applicant.

"(h) The commission may establish a fee schedule for services rendered to participating agencies.

"(i) All fee proceeds from the background check fee or fees for other services provided by the center shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Criminal Justice Information System Automation Fund and shall be expended for any purposes for which the ACJIC is authorized to expend funds appropriated to that department.

"(j) The commission may adopt rules, policies, and procedures regarding the collection, storage, and dissemination of homeland security information that conform to the policies of the state Department of Homeland Security and the federal Department of Homeland Security, or other appropriate federal regulations.

"\$41-9-595.

"The commission shall appoint a director and, upon the request and recommendation of the director, a deputy director for the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center who shall be responsible for the development, maintenance, and operation of the ACJIC as required by the terms of this article and the implementation and operation of policies, programs, and procedures established by the commission under the limitations of this article. The qualifications of the director and deputy director shall be determined by the State Personnel Department. The salary class of the director shall be equal to the salary class of the Chief Information Officer. The salary class of the deputy director shall be at a class two less than the director.

"\$41-9-597.

"The staff and personnel employed by the commission for the development and operation of the center and system shall be governed by the personnel Merit System rules and regulations of the State Personnel Department.

"Employees of agencies or institutions which are transferred to the center or commission under the provisions of this article shall remain in their respective employments and shall be considered to meet the requirements of the department in terms of training and experience, but nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or preclude the removal of an employee for cause in the manner provided by law. Such employees shall continue to enjoy employment conditions, including, but not limited to, salary range and advancement at a level no less than those enjoyed prior to transfer to the center or commission. All time accumulated while engaged in such prior employment shall be credited toward all privileges enjoyed under state merit employment.

"\$41-9-600.

"Any officer or official mentioned in this article who neglects or refuses to make any report, submit information, or to do any other act required in this article with respect to any offense shall be subject to prosecution for a misdemeanor and, if found guilty, may be fined not less than \$100.00 one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than \$10,000.00 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and may be confined in a county jail for not more than one year. He The officer or official shall also be subject to prosecution for nonfeasance

1	and, if found guilty, shall be subject to removal from office
2	therefor.
3	"§41-9-601.
4	"(a) A person commits the crime of misuse of ACJIC
5	information if he or she does either of the following:
6	"(1) Willfully Any person who willfully requests,
7	obtains, or seeks to obtain <del>criminal offender record</del>
8	information from an ACJIC information system under false
9	pretenses <del>or</del> .
10	"(2) Willfully who willfully communicates or seeks
11	to communicate <del>criminal offender record</del> information <u>from an</u>
12	ACJIC information system to any agency or person except in
13	accordance with this article, or.
14	"(b) A any member, officer, employee, or agent of
15	the $rac{ACJICC}{COMMISSION}$ , the $rac{ACJIC}{COMMISSION}$ center, or any participating
16	agency who commits the crime of misuse of ACJIC information if
17	he or she willfully falsifies criminal offender record
18	information or any records relating thereto shall, for each
19	offense, be fined not less than \$5,000.00 nor more than
20	\$10,000.00 or imprisoned in the state penitentiary for not
21	more than five years or both maintained in or accessible by an
22	ACJIC information system.
23	"(c) Misuse of ACJIC information is a Class B
24	<u>felony.</u>
25	"(d) Misuse of each individual record constitutes a
26	separate offense under this section.
27	<b>"</b> \$41-9-621.

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2	Alabama	Crimina	al Justice	Informati	ion Cente	er di	<u>irector</u> ,	shall:

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- "(1) Develop, operate and maintain an information system systems which will support the collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, and dissemination of all crime and offender criminal justice and homeland security data, including, but not limited to, biometrics and geospatial information, described in this article consistent with those principles of scope, security, and responsiveness prescribed by this article. The primary mission of the center is to serve the informational needs of criminal justice and emergency response agencies and other agencies specifically authorized by law by connecting local, county, state, and federal authorities to a centralized state clearinghouse of information. The commission may establish regulations to allow other governmental agencies and nongovernmental entities or individuals to access ACJIC information systems or use its resources. The commission may establish a reasonable fee schedule to recoup costs for providing its services.
- "(2) Cooperate with all criminal justice <u>and</u>

  <u>emergency response</u> agencies within the state in providing

  those forms, procedures, standards, and related training

  assistance necessary for the uniform <u>and integrated</u> operation

  of the statewide ACJIC <u>crime reporting and criminal justice</u>

  information system;.
- "(3) Offer assistance and, when practicable, instruction to all criminal justice and emergency response

agencies in establishing efficient systems for information management.

"(4) Compile statistics on the nature and extent of crime in Alabama and compile data for planning and operating criminal justice agencies; provided, that such statistics shall not identify persons. The commission shall make available all such statistical information obtained to the Governor, the Legislature, the judiciary and any such other governmental agencies whose primary responsibilities include the planning, development or execution of crime reduction programs. Access to such information by such governmental agencies shall be on an individual written request basis or in accordance with the approved operational procedure, wherein must be demonstrated a need to know, the intent of any analyses and dissemination of such analyses, and shall be subject to any security provisions deemed necessary by the commission:

"(4) Develop, operate, and maintain a unit within

ACJIC to be known as the Alabama Statistical Analysis Center

that shall perform the following operations:

"a. Compile general statistics on the nature and extent of crime in Alabama to be made available to the public.

These statistics shall be updated and published on a regular basis no less frequently than annually. No statistics available to the public pursuant to this paragraph shall identify persons.

1	"b. Make available all criminal statistical
2	information obtained and developed by ACJIC to the Governor,
3	the Legislature, the judiciary, and any other governmental
4	agencies whose responsibilities include the planning,
5	development, or execution of crime reduction programs. Access
6	to information by a governmental agency shall be pursuant to
7	an individual written request or in accordance with the
8	approved operational procedures, which shall be based on a
9	demonstrated need to know, considering the intent for the use
10	and dissemination of the information. Access to information
11	may be subject to any security provisions deemed necessary by
12	the commission. No statistics generated pursuant to this
13	paragraph shall identify persons.
14	"c. Provide statistical and investigative data
15	including identifying information pertaining to individuals
16	listed on incident/offense and arrest reports to participating
17	law enforcement agencies based upon the data collected from
18	the agencies' uniform crime reports submitted pursuant to
19	<u>Section 41-9-620.</u>
20	"(5) Periodically publish statistics, no less
21	frequently than annually, that do not identify persons and
22	report such information to the chief executive officers of the
23	agencies and branches of government concerned; such
24	information shall accurately reflect the level and nature of

crime in this state and the general operation of the agencies

within the criminal justice system;

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"(5) Provide for research and development activities

that will encourage the application of advanced technology,

including the development of prototype systems and procedures,

the development of plans for the implementing of these

prototypes, and the development of technological expertise

which can provide assistance in the application of technology

in records management and information sharing systems in

Alabama.

"(6) Make available, upon request, to all any local, state, including any other state, or federal criminal justice agencies in this state, to all federal criminal justice and or criminal identification agencies and to state criminal justice and criminal identification agencies in other states agency any criminal justice information in the files of the ACJIC information systems which will aid these agencies in crime fighting; for. For this purpose the ACJIC shall operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week; The commission may adopt policies to share criminal justice information with international criminal justice agencies.

"(7) Cooperate with other agencies of this state, the crime information agencies of other states and the uniform crime reports and national crime information center systems of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or any entity designated by the federal government as the central clearinghouse for criminal justice information systems in developing and conducting an interstate, national, and international system of criminal identification, records and statistics.

"(8) Provide the administrative mechanisms and procedures necessary to respond to those individuals who file requests to view their own records as provided for elsewhere in this article and to cooperate in the correction of the central ACJIC records and those of contributing agencies when their accuracy has been successfully challenged either through the related contributing agencies or by court order issued on behalf of the individual.

"(9) Institute the necessary measures in the design, implementation, and continued operation of the criminal justice ACJIC information system to ensure the privacy and security of the system. Such Any privacy and security measures must shall meet standards to be set by the commission as well as those set by the nationally operated systems for interstate sharing of such information; and. The measures instituted may include the suspension of access to ACJIC information systems pending investigation and prosecution of misuse of ACJIC information and the denial of access for the conviction of any criminal offense. ACJIC shall be exempt from Sections 41-22-12 to 41-22-21, inclusive.

"(10) Designate in writing agents or employees of the ACJIC who shall be and are hereby constituted peace officers of the State of Alabama with full and unlimited police power and statewide jurisdiction. to The designated law enforcement officers shall investigate misuse of ACJIC information systems and enforce the laws of this state pertaining to the operation and administration of the Alabama

criminal justice information system center and the storage,
use, and dissemination of information processed therein by

ACJIC information systems and may assist other criminal
justice agencies upon request with investigations or as

further directed by the commission or director.

"(11) Perform other duties to facilitate the integration, collaboration, and cooperation of all criminal justice and emergency response agencies through information sharing as deemed necessary by the commission, including, but not limited to, providing information services and support to the state fusion center. Any information system developed under this subdivision shall be reviewed by the Privacy and Security Committee before recommendation to the commission.

"(a) The commission may obtain, compare, file, analyze, and disseminate, and all shall maintain the state's criminal history files within the ACJIC information systems in accordance with federal regulations and this article. The files shall be compared, analyzed, and disseminated according to this article.

"(b) All state, county, and municipal criminal justice agencies are required to report shall submit to ACJIC all fingerprints, descriptions, photographs, and any other pertinent identifying and historical criminal data for inclusion in the criminal history files on the following persons:

"(1) Persons who have been or are hereafter arrested or convicted in this state or any state for an offense which is a felony or an offense which is a misdemeanor offense escalating to a felony involving, but not limited to:

Possession of burglary tools or unlawful entry; engaging in unlawful commercial gambling; dealing in gambling; dealing in gambling devices; contributing to the delinquency of a child; robbery, larceny or dealing in stolen property; possession of controlled substances and illegal drugs, including marijuana; firearms; dangerous weapons; explosives; pandering; prostitution; rape; sex offenses, where minors or adults are victims; misrepresentation; fraud; and worthless checks.

- "(2) Persons who have been or are hereafter charged with an act of delinquency or adjudicated a <u>delinquent or</u> youthful offender in this state or any state for an act which would constitute a felony or misdemeanor offense, as described in subdivision (1), or any other offense as proscribed by state or federal law if it had been committed by an adult.
- "(3) Persons who have been or are hereafter arrested or convicted for any offense required or allowed for inclusion in the state criminal history file by federal law or regulation.
- "(4) Any other persons who have been or are hereafter arrested or convicted for any offense, charged with an act of delinquency, or adjudicated a delinquent or youthful offender that is deemed by the commission to be information

1	essential to the safety and welfare of the citizens for
2	inclusion in criminal history files.
3	<b>"</b> §41-9-623.
4	"(a) All criminal justice agencies within the state
5	shall submit to the ACJIC , by forwarding to the Alabama
6	Department of Public Safety, fingerprints, descriptions,
7	photographs, when specifically requested, and other
8	identifying data on the following persons:
9	"(1) Persons who have been lawfully arrested in this
10	state for all felonies and certain misdemeanors offenses
11	described in Section 41-9-622.
12	"(2) Persons who have been charged with an act of
13	delinquency or adjudicated a youthful offender for conduct
14	which would constitute a felony or misdemeanor offense, as
15	described in subdivision (1), if committed by an adult.
16	"(b) All chiefs of police, sheriffs, prosecuting
17	attorneys, parole and probation officers, wardens, or other
18	persons in charge of correctional or detention institutions $\underline{\text{or}}$
19	other criminal justice agencies in this state shall furnish
20	the ACJIC with any other data deemed necessary by the
21	commission to carry out its responsibilities under this
22	article.
23	"(c) All state agencies that maintain noncriminal
24	justice or homeland security information may provide for ACJIC
25	access to the data for inclusion in the ACJIC information
26	systems.
27	"§41-9-625.

"All persons in this state in charge of law enforcement and correction agencies shall obtain or cause to be obtained the fingerprints according to the fingerprint system of identification established by the commission, full face and profile photographs, if photo equipment is available, and other identifying data of each person arrested for an offense of a type designated in Section 41-9-622, of all persons arrested or taken into custody as fugitives from justice and of all unidentified human corpses in their jurisdictions, but photographs need not be taken if it is known that photographs of the type listed taken within the previous year are on file. Fingerprints and other identifying data of persons arrested for offenses other than those designated in this article may be taken at the discretion of the agency concerned.

"If any person arrested or taken into custody is subsequently released without charge or cleared of the offense through criminal justice proceedings, such disposition shall be reported by all state, county and municipal criminal justice agencies to ACJIC within 30 days of such action, and all such information shall be eliminated and removed.

"\$41-9-630.

"(a) All persons in charge of criminal justice agencies in this state shall furnish the ACJIC with any other identifying data required in accordance with guidelines established by the ACJIC commission.

"(b) All criminal justice agencies in this state

having criminal identification files shall cooperate in

providing to ACJIC information in such the files as will aid

in establishing the nucleus of the state criminal

identification file."

Section 2. (a) In order to facilitate the authorized interstate exchange of criminal history information for noncriminal justice purposes, including, but not limited to, background checks for the licensing and screening of employees and volunteers under the National Child Protection Act of 1993, as amended, and to implement the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, 42 U.S.C. §14616, the Legislature approves and ratifies the compact. The director shall execute the compact on behalf of the state.

- (b) The center is the repository of criminal history records for purposes of the compact and shall do all things necessary or incidental to carry out the compact.
- (c) The director, or the director's designee, is the state's compact officer and shall administer the compact within the state. The commission may adopt rules and establish procedures for the cooperative exchange of criminal history records between the state and federal government for use in noncriminal justice cases.
- (d) The state's ratification of the compact remains in effect until legislation is enacted which specifically renounces the compact.

(e) This compact and this section do not affect or abridge the obligations and responsibilities of the center under other provisions of this article and does not alter or amend the manner, direct or otherwise, in which the public is afforded access to criminal history records under state law.

Section 3. In addition to any other requirements, any licensing or permitting agency, board, or commission in this state may by rule require a criminal background check as part of its licensing or permitting requirements.

Section 4. Although this bill would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements and application under Amendment 621, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an existing crime.

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