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8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK  
9 FORCE.

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11 WHEREAS, human trafficking is the second largest  
12 criminal activity in the world, exceeded only by drug  
13 trafficking; and

14 WHEREAS, human trafficking enslaves hundreds of  
15 thousands of victims each year; and

16 WHEREAS, human trafficking involves the use of  
17 force, fraud, or coercion by traffickers to recruit or capture  
18 and also control their victims; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Human Trafficking  
21 Task Force is hereby established.

22 The purpose and agenda of the Task Force shall  
23 include all of the following:

24 (1) To combat all aspects of human trafficking,  
25 including sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

26 (2) To pursue a comprehensive response to crimes of  
27 human trafficking.

1           (3) To coordinate strategies to provide necessary  
2 services for victims of human trafficking.

3           (4) To focus prevention efforts to end the demand  
4 for human trafficking and create awareness through education  
5 and community initiatives.

6           (5) To develop legislation to prevent, intervene,  
7 and treat human trafficking.

8           The Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force shall be  
9 comprised of the following members:

10           (1) One member of the House of Representatives  
11 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

12           (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
13 President Pro Tempore.

14           (3) One member of the Legal, Legislative, or Policy  
15 Office of the Alabama Governor appointed by the Governor.

16           (4) One member of the Office of Victim Assistance of  
17 the Alabama Attorney General appointed by the Attorney  
18 General.

19           (5) The Chair of the Huntsville/Madison County Human  
20 Trafficking Task Force, or his or her designee.

21           (6) The Chair of the Central Alabama Human  
22 Trafficking Task Force, or his or her designee.

23           (7) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
24 Human Resources, or his or her designee.

25           (8) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
26 Agriculture and Industries, or his or her designee.

1           (9) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
2 Labor, or his or her designee.

3           (10) The Chief of the Alabama Bureau of  
4 Investigation, or his or her designee.

5           (11) The Director of the Alabama Office of  
6 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

7           (12) The President of the Alabama District  
8 Attorney's Association, or his or her designee.

9           (13) The Director of the Alabama Department of Child  
10 Abuse and Neglect Prevention, or his or her designee.

11           (14) The Director of the Alabama Network of  
12 Children's Advocacy Centers, or his or her designee.

13           (15) The Superintendent of the Alabama State  
14 Department of Education, or his or her designee.

15           The members of the Task Force shall elect a chair,  
16 vice chair, and other officers as deemed necessary for the  
17 efficient operation of the business of the Task Force.

18           Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his or  
19 her appointing authority. A vacancy in the membership shall be  
20 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

21           The members of the Task Force shall meet at least  
22 four times per calendar year and serve without compensation.

23           The Task Force shall hold its initial meeting no  
24 later than June 1, 2014, and shall meet thereafter according  
25 to a schedule established by the members. Special meetings  
26 shall be held at the call of the chair or a quorum of the  
27 members of the Task Force. The chair or other members of the

1 Task Force calling the meeting shall give at least seven days'  
2 notice of all regular or special meetings, which shall include  
3 the place and time of the meeting.

4 A majority of the members of the Task Force shall  
5 constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at a  
6 regular or special meeting.

7 The Task Force shall submit an annual report of its  
8 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Lieutenant  
9 Governor, the Attorney General, the Senate President Pro  
10 Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or  
11 before January 1 of each calendar year, and shall submit a  
12 copy of its report to all legislators and the Secretary of  
13 State.

14 Each department, commission, board, agency, officer,  
15 and institution of the state and all subdivisions of the state  
16 shall cooperate with the Task Force in carrying out the  
17 purposes of this resolution.