

1 SJR105  
2 177613-2  
3 By Senators Singleton, Reed and Ross  
4 RFD:  
5 First Read: 27-APR-16

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING  
9 INITIATIVE STUDY COMMISSION.

10  
11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the  
13 Alabama Healthy Food Financing Initiative Study Commission.

14 (a) The commission shall be composed of the  
15 following members:

16 (1) Two members of the Senate, one of whom is in the  
17 minority party, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
18 Senate.

19 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, one  
20 of whom is in the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of  
21 the House of Representatives.

22 (3) Two members of the Alabama Grocers Association,  
23 appointed by the Alabama Grocers Association. One representing  
24 wholesale and one representing retail.

25 (4) The Executive Director of VOICES for Alabama's  
26 Children, or his or her designee.

1                   (5) The Director of the Alabama Department of  
2 Economic and Community Affairs, or his or her designee.

3                   (6) The Governor, or his or her designee.

4                   (7) The President of Alfa, or his or her designee.

5                   (8) The Executive Director of the American Heart  
6 Association, or his or her designee.

7                   (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
8 their appointments to assure the commission membership is  
9 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,  
10 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

11                   (c) The goals of the commission shall consist of all  
12 of the following:

13                   (1) Conduct a scan of federal, state, and local  
14 healthy food financing programs around the country to  
15 determine best practices and program impacts.

16                   (2) Consult with retailers, wholesalers, and other  
17 experts in order to identify potential grocery store projects,  
18 or other health food retail projects, poised for development  
19 in Alabama.

20                   (3) Develop a Healthy Food Financing Retail Project  
21 Pipeline that examines projects based on several factors,  
22 which may include any of the following:

23                   a. Costs of development.

24                   b. Business feasibility.

25                   c. Retail format and size.

26                   d. Readiness for capital investment.

1                   (d) The commission shall be charged with the  
2 following duties and responsibilities:

3                   (1) Upon adjournment of the 2016 Regular Session,  
4 the commission shall schedule an initial meeting to organize,  
5 elect a chair and vice chair, discuss a plan of action, and  
6 meet as necessary to achieve its goals.

7                   (2) Report its findings and any proposed legislation  
8 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate  
9 not later than the 10th day of the 2017 Regular Session,  
10 whereupon it shall stand dissolved and discharged of any  
11 further liability.

12                   (e) Upon request of the chair of the commission, the  
13 Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of  
14 Representatives shall provide necessary clerical assistance  
15 for the work of the commission.

16                   (f) Each legislative member of the commission shall  
17 be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation,  
18 per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a  
19 meeting of the commission in accordance with Amendment 871 of  
20 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be  
21 paid out of any funds appropriated to the use of the  
22 Legislature.