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8 ESTABLISHING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO  
9 STUDY SELF-DRIVING VEHICLES.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the Joint  
13 Legislative Committee to Study Self-Driving Vehicles.

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

16 (1) Five members of the Alabama Senate appointed by  
17 the Senate President Pro Tempore.

18 (2) Five members of the Alabama House of  
19 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives.

21 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
22 their appointments to assure that committee membership is  
23 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,  
24 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

25 (c) The goals of the committee are to study all  
26 aspects of self-driving vehicles, including specifically, the  
27 issues of public safety and state and local economic impact

1 regarding such vehicles. The study committee shall assess the  
2 extent to which existing state legislation may impact the  
3 ability for testing of automated vehicles in the state.

4 (d) The committee shall report its findings and any  
5 proposed legislation, including the testing of automated  
6 vehicles, to the Speaker of the House and the President Pro  
7 Tempore of the Senate not later than the 30th legislative day  
8 of the 2018 Regular Session, whereupon it shall stand  
9 dissolved and discharged of any further duty or liability. The  
10 study committee shall engage with key industry stakeholders in  
11 the development of its findings.

12 (e) At its first meeting, to be called by the  
13 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the committee members  
14 shall elect a chair and vice chair.

15 (f) Upon request of the chair of the committee, the  
16 Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of  
17 Representatives shall provide necessary clerical assistance  
18 for the work of the committee.

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