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3 SENATE CONSTITUTION, ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR SB221

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9 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a member of the
10 Legislature may enter into a consulting arrangement
11 outside his or her regular scope of work while
12 serving in office.

13 This bill would require a person who enters
14 into a consulting arrangement with a member of the
15 Legislature that is outside the member's scope of
16 work to notify the State Ethics Commission before
17 compensating the member, with certain exceptions.

18 This bill would provide that the records
19 generated by this notification are public records.

20 This bill would also authorize the
21 commission to adopt rules.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 Relating to members of the Legislature; to add
2 Section 36-25-7.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require a
3 person who enters into a consulting arrangement with a member
4 of the Legislature that is outside the member's scope of work
5 to notify the State Ethics Commission before compensating the
6 member with certain exceptions; to provide that the records
7 generated by this notification are public records; and to
8 authorize the commission to adopt rules.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 36-25-7.1 is added to the Code of
11 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

12 §36-25-7.1.

13 (a) A person who enters into a consulting
14 arrangement with a member of the Legislature whereby the
15 person promises to compensate the member for providing
16 consulting services to that person or to another entity and
17 where such consulting services are outside the scope of the
18 member's regular profession or line of business, shall notify
19 the commission before providing any compensation to the
20 member. This requirement shall not apply if a member is
21 providing a service that he or she is professionally licensed
22 to provide.

23 (b) The person shall notify the commission of any
24 material change in a consulting arrangement described in
25 subsection (a).

1 (c) Records generated to comply with the provisions
2 of this section are public records for purposes of Section
3 36-12-40.

4 (d) The commission may adopt rules to implement this
5 section, which may include a standard form used to notify the
6 commission under this section.

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
8 first day of the third month following its passage and
9 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.