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3 By Representative Shedd  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, public two-year and  
9 four-year colleges and universities may design,  
10 subject to the approval of the Legislative  
11 Oversight Committee, and issue distinctive license  
12 plates and tags pursuant to participation in the  
13 distinctive tag program.

14 This bill would clarify that an existing  
15 prohibition from consideration by the Legislative  
16 Oversight Committee of the distinctive tag program  
17 applies only to private or proprietary two-year  
18 colleges.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT

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24 To amend Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
25 amended by Act 2018-190, 2018 Regular Session, relating to the  
26 Legislative Oversight Committee and the distinctive tag

1 program; to clarify the prohibition of only private or  
2 proprietary two-year colleges.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
5 amended by Act 2018-190, 2018 Regular Session, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 "§32-6-67.

8 "(a) There is created a legislative committee to  
9 oversee the implementation and administration of this Article  
10 2, except Subdivision 1 of Division 1. The committee shall be  
11 composed of three members of the House of Representatives and  
12 a county license plate issuing official, who shall be  
13 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the  
14 House, and three members of the Senate and a county license  
15 plate issuing official, who shall be appointed by and serve at  
16 the pleasure of the Presiding Officer of the Senate. The  
17 committee shall also be composed of the Secretary of the  
18 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency or his or her designee, a  
19 probate judge who is a licensing plate official appointed by  
20 the President of the Probate Judges Association, and a county  
21 licensing plate official who shall be appointed by the Alabama  
22 Association of Tax Administrators. The Department of Revenue  
23 shall designate a representative, the Department of  
24 Transportation shall designate a representative, and the  
25 Department of Corrections shall designate a representative of  
26 Alabama Correctional Industries as nonvoting and advisory  
27 members to the committee. The chair, who shall be picked by

1 the members of the committee from the legislative members on  
2 the committee, shall have the authority to call meetings of  
3 the committee when he or she deems it necessary or as  
4 otherwise provided in this section.

5 "(b) The committee shall:

6 "(1) Meet not less than once every six months.

7 "(2) Require that a simple majority of committee  
8 voting members be in attendance for conducting whatever  
9 business requires committee action.

10 "(3) Establish guidelines for the qualification of  
11 organizations which may sponsor a new or continued issuance of  
12 a license plate category, or may benefit from that issuance.

13 "(4) Approve, disapprove, or indefinitely postpone,  
14 by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a committee  
15 meeting, a request for a new license plate category.

16 "(c) Decisions of the committee concerning approval,  
17 disapproval, or indefinite postponement of further action on a  
18 proposed distinctive license plate shall be interpreted to be  
19 the intent of the entire body of the Legislature, and  
20 separate, specific action by the Legislature concerning a  
21 distinctive license plate proposal shall not be considered.

22 "(d) The committee shall not consider for approval  
23 applications from the following types of organizations:

24 "(1) Out-of-state colleges and universities except  
25 as provided in subsection (e).

26 "(2) Private businesses, business organizations, or  
27 commercial entities of any type.

1           "(3) Public schools K-12, ~~junior~~ and private or  
2 proprietary two-year colleges, and private or proprietary  
3 technical schools, exclusive of the Helping Schools Tag as  
4 established in Sections 32-6-300 and 32-6-301.

5           "(4) Groups within high schools, junior colleges,  
6 universities, and technical schools, such as band boosters,  
7 athletic boosters, and the like.

8           "(5) Unions.

9           "(6) Political organizations.

10          "(7) Religious organizations.

11          "(8) Groups that promote racial or social  
12 disharmony.

13          "(9) Public officials.

14          "(e) The committee may consider and approve an  
15 application for a distinctive license plate for an  
16 out-of-state college or university, upon submission of an  
17 application pursuant to Section 32-6-64.

18          "(f) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of  
19 the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall provide clerical  
20 assistance necessary for the work of the committee.

21          "(g) The committee members who are members of the  
22 Legislature shall be entitled to, and shall receive, the same  
23 daily legislative compensation, expense allowances, per diem,  
24 and other compensation which they receive while in legislative  
25 session for each weekday, Monday through Friday, during any  
26 week in which the committee actually meets. The  
27 non-legislative members of the committee shall be entitled to,

1 and shall receive, the same per diem and expenses that are  
2 paid to state employees."

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