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3 By Representatives Coleman and Collins  
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CREATING THE ALABAMA HEALTH CARE HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
TRAINING PROGRAM COMMISSION.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, members of the health and medical communities in Alabama are often the first persons to come in direct contact with the victims of human trafficking and these communities often have not received either formal or informal education or training to recognize the signs and symptoms displayed by the victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, prevention and treatment programs addressing human trafficking are also needed to educate members of the health and medical communities to identify

1 potential cases of human trafficking and provide immediate  
2 care; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Health Care Human  
5 Trafficking Training Program Commission is established.

6 The purpose and agenda of the Alabama Health Care  
7 Human Trafficking Training Program Commission is to develop a  
8 training module for all health care related employees to  
9 enable them to more readily identify potential victims of  
10 human trafficking that may be in need of assistance.

11 (a) The Alabama Health Care Human Trafficking  
12 Training Program Commission shall be comprised of the  
13 following members:

14 (1) The Governor or his or her designee.

15 (2) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law  
16 Enforcement Agency or his or her designee.

17 (3) One member of the House of Representatives  
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

19 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
20 President Pro Tempore.

21 (5) Two representatives of Alabama hospitals, who  
22 shall be appointed by the Alabama Hospital Association.

23 (6) One representative who shall be a licensed  
24 physician, appointed by the Medical Association of the State  
25 of Alabama.

1           (7) One representative who shall be a licensed  
2     pediatrician, appointed by the Alabama Chapter of the American  
3     Academy of Pediatrics.

4           (8) One representative who shall be a licensed  
5     nurse, appointed by the Alabama State Nurses Association.

6           (9) One representative appointed by the Alabama  
7     State Law Enforcement Agency who is experienced in the issue  
8     of human trafficking.

9           (10) One representative who is a mental health  
10    provider in the State of Alabama, appointed by the  
11    Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health.

12          (11) The State Health Officer or his or her  
13    designee.

14          (12) Two representatives appointed by the Alabama  
15    Human Trafficking Task Force.

16          (b) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
17    their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and  
18    geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

19          (c) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law  
20    Enforcement Agency or his or her designee shall serve as chair  
21    of the Health Care Human Trafficking Training Program  
22    Commission.

23          (d) The commission may appoint members of a  
24    subcommittee as needed to establish resources from subject  
25    matter experts on human trafficking training and education.

26          (e) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his  
27    or her appointing authority. A vacancy in the membership shall

1 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The  
2 members of the commission shall meet as needed to facilitate  
3 the training program and each member shall serve without  
4 compensation.

5 (f) A majority of the members of the commission  
6 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business  
7 at a regular or special meeting.

8 (g) The commission shall hold its initial meeting no  
9 later than September 1, 2019. Each appointment made shall be  
10 indicated to the Secretary of the Alabama State Law  
11 Enforcement Agency no later than the first day of the third  
12 month following the Governor's signature of the resolution.

13 (h) The commission shall submit a report of its  
14 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate  
15 President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives on or before the first day of the 2020  
17 legislative session, at which time it shall be dissolved.