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

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is recreated 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 Lieutenant Governor.

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 review related legislation
5 as provided in subsection (h) and report its findings to the
6 Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor. The study
7 committee may engage with key industry stakeholders and other
8 experts in the development of its findings.

9 (e) At its first meeting, to be called by the
10 Lieutenant Governor, the committee members shall elect a chair
11 and vice chair.

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

16 (g) Each member of the committee shall be entitled
17 to his or her regular legislative compensation, per diem, and
18 travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of
19 the committee in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
20 Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

21 (h) Any bill authorizing, prohibiting, or regulating
22 in any manner the use of self-driving or autonomous vehicles
23 shall be referred to this committee for review and comment
24 prior to being placed on a standing committee agenda in either
25 house.

26 (i) The committee shall stand dissolved on the last
27 legislative day of the 2022 Regular Session.

