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8 CREATING THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE ON  
9 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY MEDICAL RESPONDERS.  
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11 WHEREAS, volunteer fire departments, community  
12 medical responders, and other community services, especially  
13 in rural Alabama, are experiencing difficulty recruiting new  
14 volunteers to fill the vacancies created by older volunteers  
15 who can no longer meet the physical demands of the services;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, it is necessary to identify the causes of  
18 barriers to recruitment of new volunteers in order to propose  
19 appropriate solutions; now therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the  
22 Joint Legislative Study Committee on Volunteer Fire  
23 Departments and Community Medical Responders, to identify the  
24 causes of barriers to recruitment of new volunteers in order  
25 to formulate appropriate solutions and to make recommendations  
26 regarding those potential solutions to the Legislature.

1 (a) The committee shall consist of the following  
2 members:

3 (1) Four members of the House of Representatives  
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

5 (2) Four members of the Senate appointed by the  
6 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

7 (b) The committee shall have co-chairs; one  
8 Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House and one  
9 Senator appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

10 (c) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
11 their appointments to assure the committee is inclusive and  
12 reflects the racial, gender, geographical, urban, rural, and  
13 economic diversity of the state.

14 (d) The committee shall meet as needed by the call  
15 of the co-chairs in multiple regions of the state to hear from  
16 organizations impacted by the shortage of volunteers for  
17 volunteer fire departments, for community medical responders,  
18 and for other community services.

19 (e) Members of the committee shall be entitled to  
20 their legislative compensation, per diem, and travel expenses  
21 for each day they attend a meeting of the committee, in  
22 accordance with Amendment 871 of the Constitution of Alabama  
23 of 1901.

24 (f) The committee shall issue a report and  
25 recommendations to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the  
26 Legislature no later than the fifth legislative day of the  
27 2021 Regular Session, at which time it shall stand dissolved.

