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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To create the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
9 on Obligation Transparency; to provide for the membership of
10 the committee; to provide for the compensation of the members;
11 to specify the powers and duties of the committee; and to
12 provide for meetings and public hearings held by the
13 committee.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. (a) There is created a permanent Joint
16 Legislative Oversight Committee on Obligation Transparency.

17 (b) (1) The committee shall consist of the following
18 members:

19 a. The Chair and Vice Chair of the House Ways and
20 Means General Fund Committee.

21 b. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Finance
22 and Taxation General Fund Committee.

23 c. The ranking minority member of the House Ways and
24 Means General Fund Committee.

25 d. The ranking minority member of the Senate Finance
26 and Taxation General Fund Committee.

1 (2) The members of the committee shall be entitled
2 to their legislative compensation, per diem, and travel
3 expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the commission
4 in accordance with Amendment 871 of the Constitution of
5 Alabama of 1901.

6 (3) The oversight committee shall meet within 90
7 days of the effective date of this act to organize and elect a
8 chair and vice chair. The initial chair shall be a member of
9 the Senate, and the initial vice chair shall be a member of
10 the House. Thereafter, the chair and vice chair shall
11 alternate between the House and the Senate every two years.

12 (c) (1) The committee may meet, act, and conduct its
13 business during the sessions of the Legislature or any recess
14 thereof, and during any interim period between legislative
15 sessions.

16 (2) Meetings may be held as often as necessary at
17 the call of the chair or a majority of its members.

18 (3) The committee may adopt rules and procedures for
19 its meetings and public hearings.

20 Section 2. (a) (1) Each state agency or department
21 that receives a direct appropriation from the State General
22 Fund proposing to enter into any agreement obligating the
23 agency or department to expend more than ten million dollars
24 (\$10,000,000) or five percent of the annual appropriation from
25 the State General Fund to the agency or department, whichever
26 is less, and that requires the expenditure of funds from the
27 State General Fund in a future fiscal year or years shall

1 submit the agreement or obligation to the committee for review
2 no later than 10 days after the agreement is signed or
3 otherwise authorized by the agency or department.

4 (2) The committee shall review the proposed
5 agreement or obligation within 45 days of its submission under
6 subdivision (1) and may hold public hearings on the proposal.

7 (3) If the committee does not give notice to the
8 state agency or department of its approval or disapproval of
9 the proposed agreement or obligation within 45 days of its
10 submission, the proposal is deemed to be approved by the
11 committee for purposes of this section.

12 (4) If the committee disapproves a proposed
13 obligation or agreement within 45 days of its submission under
14 subdivision (1), the obligation or agreement shall not become
15 effective until adjournment of the next regular session of the
16 Legislature that commences after the obligation or agreement
17 is submitted.

18 ~~(b) All state agencies, departments, boards,~~
19 ~~commissions, authorities, or other state entities that receive~~
20 ~~any type of appropriation from the Legislature shall cooperate~~

21 (b) As part of the committee's review conducted
22 pursuant to this section, all state agencies, departments,
23 boards, commissions, authorities, or other state entities
24 shall cooperate fully with the committee and shall produce any
25 documents or other information requested by the committee.

1 Section 3. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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