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3 By Senator Barfoot  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR110,

5 CREATING THE ALABAMA PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND  
6 PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION.

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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING,

10 (a) (1) The Alabama Pandemic Response and  
11 Preparedness Commission is created to study the state's  
12 response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to assist the state in  
13 preparing for future pandemics.

14 (2) The commission is charged with reviewing the  
15 response of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches  
16 of state government, as well as the response of county and  
17 municipal governments, to the pandemic.

18 (3) For each branch or level of government, the  
19 commission shall identify the principal actions taken in  
20 response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the costs and benefits of  
21 those actions, and how those actions compared to actions taken  
22 in other states.

23 (4) The commission or any of its members may make  
24 recommendations on future legislation, policies, or practices

1 that will assist the state in more effectively responding to a  
2 future pandemic.

3 (b) (1) The commission shall be comprised of the  
4 following members:

5 a. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his or  
6 her designee.

7 b. A member of the Senate appointed by the President  
8 Pro Tempore of the Senate.

9 c. The Minority Leader of the Senate or his or her  
10 designee.

11 d. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or  
12 his or her designee.

13 e. A member of the House of Representatives  
14 appointed by the Speaker.

15 f. The Minority Leaders of the House of  
16 Representatives or his or her designee.

17 g. The Governor or his or her designee.

18 h. The State Health Officer or his or her designee.

19 i. The State Finance Director or his or her  
20 designee.

21 j. The Secretary of the Alabama Department of Labor.

22 k. The Director of the Alabama Emergency Management  
23 Agency.

1           (2) The commission, by a majority vote, may include  
2 additional members as necessary to accomplish the required  
3 objectives of the commission.

4           (3) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
5 their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and  
6 geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

7           (c) (1) The commission shall hold its first meeting  
8 at the call of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
9 90 calendar days of the passage of this resolution. The  
10 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
11 House of Representatives, or their designees, shall serve as  
12 co-chairs of the commission.

13           (2) The commission shall thereafter meet at the call  
14 of the chair, provided that the commission shall meet at least  
15 three times. At least one meeting of the commission shall be a  
16 public hearing to receive comments from members of the public  
17 concerning the costs and benefits of COVID-19 response  
18 measures in this state.

19           (d) (1) Non-legislative members shall serve without  
20 compensation except for travel reimbursement to be paid by the  
21 member's department or agency according to state law.

22           (2) Legislative members of the commission shall be  
23 entitled to their regular legislative compensation, per diem,  
24 and travel expenses each day they attend a meeting of the  
25 commission in accordance with Amendment 871 to the

1 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
2 49.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
3 Alabama of 1901, as amended. These payments shall be paid out  
4 of any funds appropriated for the use of the Legislature by  
5 means of warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State  
6 Treasury.

7 (e) The commission shall submit a report of its  
8 findings and any recommendations to the Governor and the  
9 Legislature on or before the first day of the 2022 Regular  
10 Session, at which time it shall stand dissolved.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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