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CREATING THE STUDY COMMISSION ON PRE-TRIAL SERVICES
AND ALTERNATIVE COURTS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Study Commission on
Pre-Trial Services and Alternative Courts is established.

(a) The purpose of the Study Commission on Pre-Trial
Services and Alternative Courts is to study the process of
gaining entrance into pre-trial diversion or alternative
courts and to seek methods for making these services more
uniform and accessible to all Alabamians. The commission shall
consider the entrance cost to programs, indigency
availability, effectiveness of services rendered, and program
uniformity.

(b) The Study Commission on Pre-Trial Services and
Alternative Courts shall be comprised of the following
members:

(1) The Executive Director of the Alabama Sentencing
Commission, who shall serve as Chair of the Commission.

1 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
4 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

5 (4) One member appointed by the Senate Minority
6 Leader.

7 (5) One member appointed by the House Minority
8 Leader.

9 (6) A circuit court judge appointed by the President
10 of the Circuit Court Judges' Association.

11 (7) A circuit court judge appointed by the Alabama
12 Supreme Court.

13 (8) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama
14 District Attorneys Association.

15 (9) The Executive Director of the Alabama Office of
16 Prosecution Services.

17 (10) A practicing attorney appointed by the Alabama
18 Bar Association.

19 (11) A representative of a legal research
20 organization appointed by the President of the Circuit Court
21 Judges' Association.

22 (12) A representative of a legal research
23 organization appointed by the Executive Director of the
24 Alabama Office of Prosecution Services.

25 (13) A representative of the Association of County
26 Commissions of Alabama.

1 (c) All appointing authorities shall coordinate
2 their appointments to assure the commission is inclusive and
3 reflects the racial, gender, geographical, urban, rural, and
4 economic diversity of this state.

5 (d) The study commission shall meet as needed at the
6 call of the chair.

7 (e) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his
8 or her appointing authority. A vacancy in the membership shall
9 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

10 (f) Members of the commission shall serve without
11 compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses as follows:

12 (1) The legislative members of the study commission
13 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem,
14 and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
15 study commission, in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
16 Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

17 (2) Other members of the commission may be
18 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the
19 commission according to policies and procedures of their
20 respective appointing authority.

21 (g) A majority of the members of the study
22 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
23 all business at a regular or special meeting.

24 (h) The study commission shall hold its initial
25 meeting no later than September 1, 2021. Each appointment made
26 shall be indicated to the Executive Director of the Alabama

1 Sentencing Commission no later than the first day of the third
2 month following the Governor's signature of the resolution.

3 (i) The study commission shall submit a report of
4 its findings and recommendations to the Senate President Pro
5 Tempore and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or
6 before the first day of the 2022 Legislative Session, at which
7 time it shall be dissolved.