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SJR___ ESTABLISHING THE JOINT STUDY COMMISSION ON ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY.

WHEREAS, our system of aviation is now on the cusp of the greatest transformation since the introduction of widely-available jet travel over 60 years ago; and

WHEREAS, this phenomenon, designated as Advanced Air Mobility, refers to an entirely new, full-spectrum paradigm for how humanity experiences flight, from drones to passenger aircraft with vertical takeoff and landing capability, to advanced systems that comprehensively direct and manage air traffic; and

WHEREAS, this emergent field raises the exciting prospect of short-distance commuting, including "air taxi" service and cargo transport between previously underserved locales and regions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has prioritized Advanced Air Mobility, through its enactment in 2022 of Public Law No. 117-203, the "Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act"; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama would uniquely benefit from the development and implementation of Advanced Air



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26 Mobility, having rural areas distant from airports that link
27 with continental and international destinations; and

28 WHEREAS, the City of Huntsville has played a
29 leadership role in the advancement of aeronautics in North
30 America, as home to the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center
31 and scores of companies that serve the aerospace and
32 aeronautical industries; now therefore,

33 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
34 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Joint Study Commission
35 on Advanced Air Mobility is established for the purpose of
36 recommending legislation that would ensure that the State of
37 Alabama will be at the forefront of the emerging Advanced
38 Air Mobility field.

39 (a) The membership of the study commission shall
40 consist of all of the following:

41 (1) The Lieutenant Governor, or his or her designee.

42 (2) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by
43 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall
44 be a member of the minority party.

45 (3) Three members of the House of Representatives to
46 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
47 one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

48 (4) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
49 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.



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50 (5) Two individuals experienced in aviation or
51 aeronautical design, to be appointed by the President Pro
52 Tempore of the Senate.

53 (6) Two individuals experienced in aviation or
54 aeronautical design, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
55 House of Representatives.

56 (b) (1) The membership of the study commission shall
57 be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
58 urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

59 (2) No later than 60 days after enactment of this
60 resolution, the Governor shall call the first meeting of the
61 study commission, at which the members shall elect a chair
62 from among the membership.

63 (3) The members of the study commission shall be
64 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
65 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
66 task force pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution of
67 Alabama of 2022.

68 (c) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
69 1975, the study commission shall provide to the Secretary of
70 State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member
71 serving on the study commission, and a copy of all reports
72 and written recommendations produced throughout the duration
73 of the study commission.



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74 (d) (1) The study commission shall meet as necessary
75 to conduct its business.

76 (2) A quorum for a meeting shall be seven members.

77 (3) The study commission may meet by electronic
78 means.

79 (e) The commission's areas of study shall include,
80 but not be limited to, all of the following:

81 (1) The state's existing aviation infrastructure and
82 the steps needed to provide for its participation and
83 expansion in new local, regional, and urban transportation
84 systems.

85 (2) Identification of the Alabama companies that
86 serve the aeronautical industry, with the purpose of
87 fostering their contributions to Advanced Air Mobility.

88 (3) The recruitment to the state of innovative
89 companies engaged in some area of Advanced Air Mobility
90 technology or logistics.

91 (f) The study commission shall submit its
92 recommendations on Advanced Air Mobility legislation to the
93 Governor no later than the third day of the 2025 Regular
94 Session of the Legislature, at which time the study
95 commission shall terminate.

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