

**SB162 ENROLLED**



1 SB162  
2 8R95H2F-2  
3 By Senator Barfoot  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
5 First Read: 27-Feb-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the Study Commission on Interagency  
5 Cooperation and Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and  
6 Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals; to amend  
7 Section 3 of Act 2021-478, 2021 Regular Session, as amended by  
8 Act 2022-409 of the 2022 Regular Session, to extend the  
9 dissolution date of the study commission, to add additional  
10 members to the commission; to provide for retroactive effect,  
11 and to provide for expenses.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Section 3 of Act 2021-478 of the 2021  
14 Regular Session, as amended by Act 2022-409 of the 2022  
15 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

16 "Section 3. (a) There is established a Study Commission  
17 on Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the  
18 Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated  
19 Individuals, which shall consist of all of the following:

20 (1) One member of the House of Representatives,  
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

22 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the  
23 President Pro Tempore.

24 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,  
25 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
26 Representatives.

27 (4) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority  
28 Leader of the Senate.



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29           (5) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her  
30 designee.

31           (6) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections,  
32 or his or her designee.

33           (7) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental  
34 Health, or his or her designee.

35           (8) The Commissioner of the Department of Human  
36 Resources, or his or her designee.

37           (9) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency, or  
38 his or her designee.

39           (10) The Director of the Alabama Community College  
40 System, or his or her designee.

41           (11) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
42 Agency, or his or her designee.

43           (12) The Secretary of the Department of Labor, or his  
44 or her designee.

45           (13) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
46 Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee.

47           (14) The Executive Director of the Office of  
48 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

49           (15) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama  
50 District Attorneys Association.

51           (16) Two at-large members appointed by the chair.

52           (b) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her  
53 designee, shall serve as the chair of the commission. A vice  
54 chair shall be designated by a majority vote of the quorum of  
55 the membership at its first meeting. A quorum shall consist of  
56 a majority of the membership.



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57 (c) The membership of the commission shall be inclusive  
58 and reflect the racial, gender, geographic ~~areas~~, urban,  
59 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

60 (d) The commission shall have all of the following  
61 duties:

62 (1) Develop and present a strategic plan to make  
63 communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization and  
64 assist individuals who return from prison to become productive  
65 citizens and save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and  
66 collateral costs of incarceration.

67 (2) Identify, implement, and promote evidence-based  
68 research, policies, strategies, and programming to support  
69 successful reentry and reintegration.

70 (3) Promote partnerships and collaboration among state  
71 agencies and with local governments and organizations to  
72 effectively and cost-efficiently advance reentry and  
73 reintegration efforts and eliminate duplication of services.

74 (4) Develop strategies to expand access to educational  
75 programs and support programs upon reentry.

76 (5) Develop strategies to assure access to health care  
77 coverage and behavioral health services upon reentry.

78 (6) Identify and address unwarranted barriers to  
79 successful reentry.

80 (7) Pursue partnerships with employers, agencies, and  
81 business leaders to create a pipeline for job placement that  
82 strengthens the state's workforce participation rate.

83 (e) (1) The commission shall hold its first meeting no  
84 later than June 1, 2021, with the date, time, and location of



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85 the meeting to be designated by the Director of Pardons and  
86 Paroles, or his or her designee.

87 (2) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect a  
88 vice chair, elect other officers as determined by the  
89 commission, and set dates, times, and locations of subsequent  
90 meetings.

91 (3) The commission shall meet at least monthly and  
92 shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to  
93 the Legislature no later than the ~~fifth~~tenth legislative day  
94 of the ~~2023~~2025 Regular Session, whereupon the commission  
95 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and  
96 liabilities.

97 (f) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall  
98 provide the necessary staff and support to the commission to  
99 perform its duties.

100 (g) Expenses incurred by the commission before or after  
101 the effective date of the act adding this subsection shall be  
102 paid from funds appropriated to the Legislature, not to exceed  
103 a total of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

104 (h) Members of the commission shall serve without  
105 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in  
106 attending meetings of the commission according to policies and  
107 procedures of their respective appointing authority or  
108 employing agency.

109 (i) Legislative members of the commission shall be  
110 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and  
111 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the  
112 commission, in accordance with ~~Amendment 871~~Section 49 of the



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113 Constitution of Alabama of ~~1901~~2022."

114           Section 2. This act is curative and retroactive to the  
115 fifth legislative day of the ~~2022~~2024 Regular Session.

116           Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

SB162  
Senate 19-Mar-24  
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed  
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Amended and passed: 07-May-24

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Senate concurred in House amendment 07-May-24

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By: Senator Barfoot