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SYNOPSIS:

In the 2021 Regular Session, the Study Commission on Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals was created.

Under existing law, the study commission is dissolved on the fifth legislative day of the 2023 Regular Session.

This bill would extend the dissolution date until the fifth legislative day of the 2025 Regular Session.

This bill would add additional members to the commission.

This bill would provide for retroactive effect.

This bill would also provide for the payment of expenses.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Study Commission on Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals; to amend



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29 Section 3 of Act 2021-478, 2021 Regular Session, as amended by
30 Act 2022-409 of the 2022 Regular Session, to extend the
31 dissolution date of the study commission, to add additional
32 members to the commission; to provide for retroactive effect,
33 and to provide for expenses.

34 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

35 Section 1. Section 3 of Act 2021-478 of the 2021
36 Regular Session, as amended by Act 2022-409 of the 2022
37 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

38 "Section 3. (a) There is established a Study Commission
39 on Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the
40 Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated
41 Individuals, which shall consist of all of the following:

42 (1) One member of the House of Representatives,
43 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

44 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
45 President Pro Tempore.

46 (3) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her
47 designee.

48 (4) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections,
49 or his or her designee.

50 (5) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental
51 Health, or his or her designee.

52 (6) The Commissioner of the Department of Human
53 Resources, or his or her designee.

54 (7) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency, or
55 his or her designee.

56 (8) The Director of the Alabama Community College



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57 System, or his or her designee.

58 (9) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement
59 Agency, or his or her designee.

60 (10) The Secretary of the Department of Labor, or his
61 or her designee.

62 (11) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
63 Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee.

64 (12) The Executive Director of the Office of
65 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

66 (13) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama
67 District Attorneys Association.

68 (14) Two at-large members appointed by the chair.

69 (b) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her
70 designee, shall serve as the chair of the commission. A vice
71 chair shall be designated by a majority vote of the quorum of
72 the membership at its first meeting. A quorum shall consist of
73 a majority of the membership.

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

77 (d) The commission shall have all of the following
78 duties:

79 (1) Develop and present a strategic plan to make
80 communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization and
81 assist individuals who return from prison to become productive
82 citizens and save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and
83 collateral costs of incarceration.

84 (2) Identify, implement, and promote evidence-based



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85 research, policies, strategies, and programming to support
86 successful reentry and reintegration.

87 (3) Promote partnerships and collaboration among state
88 agencies and with local governments and organizations to
89 effectively and cost-efficiently advance reentry and
90 reintegration efforts and eliminate duplication of services.

91 (4) Develop strategies to expand access to educational
92 programs and support programs upon reentry.

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

95 (6) Identify and address unwarranted barriers to
96 successful reentry.

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

100 (e) (1) The commission shall hold its first meeting no
101 later than June 1, 2021, with the date, time, and location of
102 the meeting to be designated by the Director of Pardons and
103 Paroles, or his or her designee.

104 (2) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect a
105 vice chair, elect other officers as determined by the
106 commission, and set dates, times, and locations of subsequent
107 meetings.

108 (3) The commission shall meet at least monthly and
109 shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to
110 the Legislature no later than the ~~fifth~~ tenth legislative day
111 of the ~~2023~~ 2025 Regular Session, whereupon the commission
112 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and



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113 liabilities.

114 (f) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall
115 provide the necessary staff and support to the commission to
116 perform its duties.

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

121 (h) Members of the commission shall serve without
122 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in
123 attending meetings of the commission according to policies and
124 procedures of their respective appointing authority or
125 employing agency.

126 (i) Legislative members of the commission shall be
127 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
128 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
129 commission, in accordance with ~~Amendment 871~~ Section 49 of the
130 Constitution of Alabama of ~~1901~~2022."

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

133 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.