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3 By Senators Beasley, Coleman-Madison, Coleman, Hatcher, Orr,  
4 Smitherman, Stewart, Bell, Allen, Williams, Kitchens, Givhan,  
5 Butler, Chesteen, Melson, Weaver, Stutts, Albritton, Waggoner,  
6 Chambliss, Price, Shelnuttt, Hovey, Roberts, Kelley, Carnley,  
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SJR\_\_\_ CONTINUING IN EXISTENCE THE ALABAMA OPIOID OVERDOSE AND ADDICTION COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 708 BY GOVERNOR KAY IVEY.

WHEREAS, substance use disorders and mental illness affect millions of individuals of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds, including their families, friends, coworkers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 25 million Americans have embraced recovery and are actively building stronger communities and better lives, families, and relationships; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kay Ivey established the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council in 2017 through Executive Order No. 708 to develop a comprehensive and coordinated strategic plan to combat Alabama's opioid crisis and reduce the number of deaths and adverse consequences in the state; and

WHEREAS, the council and standing committees of the council have remained committed to expanding the state's efforts to fight the opioid crisis through many strategies, including the development of tactics aimed at reducing the harmful effects, decreasing overdoses, and improving access to care for those struggling with substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, through this work and various partnerships



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29 with the greater recovery community, many lives have been  
30 saved; now therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
32 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature continues in  
33 existence the Alabama Opioid Overdose and Addiction Council  
34 established by Executive Order No. 708 by Governor Ivey.

35 (a) The council's leadership and membership shall  
36 remain, and the council shall continue meeting and studying  
37 the current opioid crisis in this state, monitoring and  
38 evaluating the implementation of the strategic action plan,  
39 and providing periodic updates and recommendations to the  
40 Governor.

41 (b) Each non-legislative member of the council may be  
42 reimbursed for expenses related to attending meetings,  
43 training, and fulfilling council duties. Each legislative  
44 member of the council shall be entitled to his or her  
45 regular legislative compensation, his or her per diem, and  
46 travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of  
47 the task force. These payments shall be paid out of any  
48 funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by means of  
49 warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State Treasury.  
50 Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member shall receive  
51 additional legislative compensation or per diem when the  
52 Legislature is in session or if a member is being paid any  
53 other payments on the same dates for attendance on other  
54 state business.