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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM STUDY
4 COMMISSION.
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6 WHEREAS, the rapid development of unmanned aircraft
7 technology, often called "drones," has provided great
8 benefits to government agencies, businesses, industry, and
9 agriculture in Alabama; and

10 WHEREAS, the use of drones to protect citizens, law
11 enforcement officers, and first responders from danger is an
12 especially important function; and

13 WHEREAS, defense and intelligence authorities in the
14 United States and among our allies have found that certain
15 drones manufactured by companies in or affiliated with
16 hostile foreign nations have the capacity to engage in
17 unauthorized transfers of data to intelligence and
18 government authorities in those hostile nations; now
19 therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama
22 Unmanned Aircraft System Study Commission to evaluate the
23 use of drones within this state, the vulnerability of drones
24 to unauthorized transfer of data by hostile actors, any
25 practices or protocols necessary to secure sensitive data,
26 and the feasibility of alternatives to current
27 foreign-sourced drones.



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28 (a) The membership of the study commission shall
29 consist of all of the following:

- 30 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.
31 (2) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.
32 (3) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore
33 of the Senate.
34 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of
35 the Senate.
36 (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House
37 of Representatives.
38 (6) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of
39 the House of Representatives.
40 (7) The State Budget Officer.
41 (8) One member appointed by the Secretary of the
42 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.
43 (9) One member appointed by the Attorney General.
44 (10) One member appointed by the Director of the
45 Department of Transportation.
46 (11) One member appointed by the Alabama Sheriffs
47 Association.
48 (12) One member appointed by the Alabama League of
49 Municipalities.

50 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
51 appointments to ensure the study commission membership is
52 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic,
53 urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

54 (c) The study commission shall evaluate all of the
55 following:



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56 (1) The use of drones within the state.

57 (2) The potential vulnerability of drones to
58 unauthorized data transfers initiated by hostile actors.

59 (3) Any practices or protocols necessary to secure
60 sensitive data.

61 (4) The feasibility of alternatives to current
62 foreign-sourced drones.

63 (d) The first meeting of the study commission shall
64 be held at the call of the Governor no later than 90 days
65 after this resolution's passage, at which time the study
66 commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair. The study
67 commission may then meet as necessary to conduct business.

68 (e) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the
69 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate
70 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the
71 work of the study commission as necessary.

72 (f) (1) The legislative members of the study
73 commission shall be entitled to their legislative
74 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day
75 they attend a meeting of the study commission pursuant to
76 Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

77 (2) The nonlegislative members of the study
78 commission shall serve without compensation but may be
79 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of
80 the study commission pursuant to the policies of their
81 respective appointing authority.

82 (g) The study commission shall prepare and submit a
83 report of its findings to the Legislature not later than the



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84 fifteenth legislative day of the 2026 Regular Session, at
85 which point the study commission shall stand dissolved and
86 discharged of any future duties and liabilities.

87 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
88 1975, the study commission shall provide a notice of all
89 meetings, the name of each member serving on the study
90 commission, and a copy of the final report and any other
91 documents produced by the study commission throughout its
92 duration to the Secretary of State.

93 (i) Each appointing authority named herein shall be
94 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 24-Apr-25, as amended.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

29-Apr-25

Amended and Adopted

House

29-Apr-25

Concurred in Senate
Amendment