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

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

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

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



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

31 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

32 (2) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

33 (3) One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore
34 of the Senate.

35 (4) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of
36 the Senate.

37 (5) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House
38 of Representatives.

39 (6) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of
40 the House of Representatives.

41 (7) The State Budget Officer.

42 (8) One member appointed by the Secretary of the
43 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

44 (9) One member appointed by the Attorney General.

45 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
46 appointments to ensure the study commission membership is
47 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic,
48 urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

49 (c) The study commission shall evaluate all of the
50 following:

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

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

54 (3) Any practices or protocols necessary to secure
55 sensitive data.



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56 (4) The feasibility of alternatives to current
57 foreign-sourced drones.

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

63 (e) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the
64 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate
65 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the
66 work of the study commission as necessary.

67 (f) (1) The legislative members of the study
68 commission shall be entitled to their legislative
69 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day
70 they attend a meeting of the study commission pursuant to
71 Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

72 (2) The nonlegislative members of the study
73 commission shall serve without compensation but may be
74 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of
75 the study commission pursuant to the policies of their
76 respective appointing authority.

77 (g) The study commission shall prepare and submit a
78 report of its findings to the Legislature not later than the
79 fifteenth legislative day of the 2026 Regular Session, at
80 which point the study commission shall stand dissolved and
81 discharged of any future duties and liabilities.

82 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
83 1975, the study commission shall provide a notice of all



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84 meetings, the name of each member serving on the study
85 commission, and a copy of the final report and any other
86 documents produced by the study commission throughout its
87 duration to the Secretary of State.

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