

## HJR273 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Tillman, Treadaway, Reynolds, Whitt  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 22-Apr-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON PTSD IN FIRST  
4 RESPONDERS.

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6 WHEREAS, exposure to an extraordinarily traumatic  
7 event while working as a first responder sometimes leads to  
8 a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama, its counties, and its  
10 municipalities endeavor to better identify, diagnose, and  
11 treat PTSD in first responders to improve these first  
12 responders' mental health and well-being; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint  
15 Interim Study Commission on PTSD in First Responders to  
16 study how state, county, and municipal governments may  
17 utilize available funding more effectively to provide  
18 services to first responders who have acquired PTSD solely  
19 from an isolated and extraordinarily traumatic event that  
20 occurred while acting within the line and scope of his or  
21 her duty.

22 (a) The membership of the study commission shall  
23 consist of all of the following:

24 (1) The Executive Director of the Association of  
25 County Commissions of Alabama, or his or her designee.

26 (2) The Executive Director of the Alabama League of  
27 Municipalities, or his or her designee.



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28           (3) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
29   Mental Health, or his or her designee.

30           (4) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law  
31   Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

32           (5) The Majority Leader of the Senate, or his or her  
33   designee.

34           (6) The Majority Leader of the House of  
35   Representatives, or his or her designee.

36           (7) The Minority Leader of the Senate, or his or her  
37   designee.

38           (8) The Minority Leader of the House of  
39   Representatives, or his or her designee.

40           (9) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or  
41   his or her designee.

42           (10) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his  
43   or her designee.

44           (b)(1) The first meeting of the commission shall be  
45   held at the call of the Speaker of the House of  
46   Representatives, or his or her designee, no later than 60  
47   days after this resolution's passage, at which time the  
48   commission shall elect a chair and vice chair. The  
49   commission may then meet as necessary to conduct business.

50           (2) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the  
51   House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate  
52   shall provide administrative and other assistance for the  
53   work of the commission as necessary.

54           (c)(1) The legislative members of the commission  
55   shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per



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56 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting  
57 of the commission pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution  
58 of Alabama of 2022.

59 (2) The nonlegislative members of the commission  
60 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for  
61 necessary expenses in attending meetings of the commission  
62 pursuant to the policies of their respective appointing  
63 authorities.

64 (d) (1) The commission shall prepare and submit a  
65 report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to  
66 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
67 President Pro Tempore of the Senate not later than the third  
68 legislative day of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session, at  
69 which point the commission shall stand dissolved and  
70 discharged of any future duties and liabilities.

71 (2) To gather information for the report, the  
72 commission shall solicit written input and recommendations  
73 from the Alabama Sheriffs Association, the Alabama State  
74 Trooper Association, the Alabama State Fraternal Order of  
75 Police, the Professional Fire Fighters Association of  
76 Alabama, and the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police.

77 (e) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
78 1975, the commission shall provide a notice of all meetings  
79 and the name of each member serving on the commission  
80 throughout its duration to the Secretary of State.

81 (f) Each appointing authority named herein shall be  
82 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**29-Apr-25**

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