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4 HJR___ CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON PTSD
5 IN FIRST RESPONDERS.
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7 WHEREAS, exposure to an extraordinarily traumatic
8 event while working as a first responder sometimes leads to
9 a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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