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3 By Senators Stewart, Jones, Beasley
4 RFD: Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety
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Enrolled, An Act,

Relating to Military Affairs; to amend Section 31-14-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to expand the membership of the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission to include the Chairs of the Alabama House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Alabama Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 31-14-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§31-14-3

(a) The Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission is created. Members of the commission shall include a chair and two vice chairs. The chair shall be the Lieutenant Governor, or in the absence of a Lieutenant Governor, the chair shall be the Governor, or his or her designee. The vice chairs shall be the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his or her designee, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his or her designee.

(b) The commission shall also consist of the following members:

(1) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

(3) The Adjutant General of the Alabama National Guard.



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(4) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

(5) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

(6) The Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

(7) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

(8) One senator from the minority caucus appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(9) One representative from the minority caucus appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(10) The chair of the Alabama House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

(11) The chair of the Alabama Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety Committee.

~~(10)~~ (12) One retired senior member of the Armed Forces for each of the five major military facilities in Alabama, Redstone Arsenal, Anniston Army Depot, Maxwell Air Force Base including the Gunter Annex, Fort Moore, and Fort Novosel who shall be appointed by the Governor, after consultation with the individual designated in subdivision ~~(11)~~ (13) as the civic leader from the community which the senior member of the military shall represent.

~~(11)~~ (13) One civic leader with significant experience in military relocations from each of the five communities currently impacted most significantly by the presence of military facilities and assigned personnel who shall be appointed by the chair after consultation with the existing



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organizations described in subsection (h).

(c) Members of the commission shall serve for a term of four years with each appointment, may be reappointed for an unlimited number of terms, and shall serve on the commission until a replacement is appointed.

(d) ~~The members of the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission created by Act 2011-350, as amended by Act 2013-156, shall be the initial members of the commission created under this section and shall continue to serve on the commission at the pleasure of the appointing authority until the quadrennium commencing in 2019. Persons appointed after the commencement of the quadrennium commencing in 2019~~ commission shall serve a term of four years.

(e) ~~The commission shall hold its organizational meeting by August 31, 2017. Thereafter,~~ the commission shall meet at the call of the chair; provided, that the commission shall meet at least once annually.

(f) The commission shall adopt rules for its governance, including, but not limited to, the filling of vacancies, the election of officers, the creation of committees, including an executive committee, and the execution of documents. Members of the commission, the executive committee of the commission, or any other committee established by the commission may participate in a meeting of the commission or committee by means of telephone conference, video conference, or using similar communications methods by means of which all individuals participating in the meeting may hear one another. Participation by such means shall



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85 constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes,
86 including for purposes of establishing a quorum. Notice of
87 meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open
88 Meetings Act and similar means of communication be allowed to
89 provide for members of the public to listen and observe
90 meetings.

91 (g) The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House
92 of Representatives, the Legislative Services Agency, Legal
93 Division, the Legislative Services Agency, Fiscal Division,
94 and the Examiners of Public Accounts shall provide assistance
95 as requested by the commission. Each legislative member of the
96 commission and supporting staff shall be entitled to his or
97 her regular legislative compensation and his or her per diem
98 and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting
99 of the commission which shall be paid out of any funds
100 appropriated for the use of the Legislature, upon warrants
101 drawn on the Comptroller upon requisition signed by the
102 commission's chair. Members shall not receive additional
103 legislative compensation or per diem when the Legislature is
104 in session but shall receive his or her travel expenses for
105 all meetings attended.

106 (h) The commission shall make proactive attempts to
107 ensure the stability of Alabama-assigned Department of Defense
108 resources by the study and evaluation of military
109 organizations, personnel, civilian support personnel,
110 equipment, and infrastructure currently located in the state,
111 and the re-stationing or reorganization of military resources
112 located in, relocating to, or outside of the state using the



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following items of evaluation:

(1) All Department of Defense personnel, assets, and equipment, including that belonging to the Alabama National Guard and Reserve units or forces.

(2) The economic impact of these resources on surrounding communities.

(3) Current policies, programs, and services that impact Department of Defense resources located in the state.

(4) The impact these Department of Defense assets and resources have on state and local job creation.

(5) The impact of Department of Defense assets and resources on local businesses and industry.

(6) Funding available or required to promote the sustained presence of Department of Defense assets and resources appropriated to the state.

(i) The commission shall not alter the purpose, replace, or change the role of any existing organization, task force, or committee within a military community with the purpose of promoting military growth, including Base Closure and Realignment Commission associated actions.

(j) The appointing authorities of the commission shall coordinate their appointments to assure the membership of the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(k) The commission shall make an annual report to members of the Legislature no later than the seventh legislative day of each regular session ~~beginning in 2018~~



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141 detailing all commission activities and recommendations.

142 (1) The commission may accept gifts, contributions,
143 bequests, grants, and other donations, whether public or
144 private, of money, real property, or personal property and
145 shall expend the same in furtherance of the work of the
146 commission.

147 (m) The work of the commission shall be supported by
148 the Military Stability Foundation, an Alabama nonprofit
149 corporation incorporated on September 8, 2011, which shall not
150 be considered a government body. Documents produced by or for
151 the foundation shall not be considered public writings, even
152 if viewed by or delivered to the commission, as the disclosure
153 of the documents would be detrimental to the best interest of
154 the public."

155 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
156 1, 2025.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 01-Apr-25

By: Senator Stewart