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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission consists of 13 members, representing the State Legislature, state law enforcement, the Alabama National Guard, state agencies, including the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, retired military personnel, and civic leaders.

This bill would 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.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
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.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

32 "§31-14-3

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

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

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

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

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

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

50 (5) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

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

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

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



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

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

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

63 ~~(10)~~ (12) One retired senior member of the Armed Forces
64 for each of the five major military facilities in Alabama,
65 Redstone Arsenal, Anniston Army Depot, Maxwell Air Force Base
66 including the Gunter Annex, Fort Moore, and Fort Novosel who
67 shall be appointed by the Governor, after consultation with
68 the individual designated in subdivision ~~(11)~~ (13) as the civic
69 leader from the community which the senior member of the
70 military shall represent.

71 ~~(11)~~ (13) One civic leader with significant experience
72 in military relocations from each of the five communities
73 currently impacted most significantly by the presence of
74 military facilities and assigned personnel who shall be
75 appointed by the chair after consultation with the existing
76 organizations described in subsection (h).

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

81 (d) The members of the ~~Alabama Job Creation and~~
82 ~~Military Stability Commission created by Act 2011-350, as~~
83 ~~amended by Act 2013-156, shall be the initial members of the~~
84 ~~commission created under this section and shall continue to~~



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85 ~~serve on the commission at the pleasure of the appointing~~
86 ~~authority until the quadrennium commencing in 2019. Persons~~
87 ~~appointed after the commencement of the quadrennium commencing~~
88 ~~in 2019~~ commission shall serve a term of four years.

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

93 (f) The commission shall adopt rules for its
94 governance, including, but not limited to, the filling of
95 vacancies, the election of officers, the creation of
96 committees, including an executive committee, and the
97 execution of documents. Members of the commission, the
98 executive committee of the commission, or any other committee
99 established by the commission may participate in a meeting of
100 the commission or committee by means of telephone conference,
101 video conference, or using similar communications methods by
102 means of which all individuals participating in the meeting
103 may hear one another. Participation by such means shall
104 constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes,
105 including for purposes of establishing a quorum. Notice of
106 meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open
107 Meetings Act and similar means of communication be allowed to
108 provide for members of the public to listen and observe
109 meetings.

110 (g) The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House
111 of Representatives, the Legislative Services Agency, Legal
112 Division, the Legislative Services Agency, Fiscal Division,



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113 and the Examiners of Public Accounts shall provide assistance
114 as requested by the commission. Each legislative member of the
115 commission and supporting staff shall be entitled to his or
116 her regular legislative compensation and his or her per diem
117 and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting
118 of the commission which shall be paid out of any funds
119 appropriated for the use of the Legislature, upon warrants
120 drawn on the Comptroller upon requisition signed by the
121 commission's chair. Members shall not receive additional
122 legislative compensation or per diem when the Legislature is
123 in session but shall receive his or her travel expenses for
124 all meetings attended.

125 (h) The commission shall make proactive attempts to
126 ensure the stability of Alabama-assigned Department of Defense
127 resources by the study and evaluation of military
128 organizations, personnel, civilian support personnel,
129 equipment, and infrastructure currently located in the state,
130 and the re-stationing or reorganization of military resources
131 located in, relocating to, or outside of the state using the
132 following items of evaluation:

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

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

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

140 (4) The impact these Department of Defense assets and



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141 resources have on state and local job creation.

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

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

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

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

157 (k) The commission shall make an annual report to
158 members of the Legislature no later than the seventh
159 legislative day of each regular session ~~beginning in 2018~~
160 detailing all commission activities and recommendations.

161 (l) The commission may accept gifts, contributions,
162 bequests, grants, and other donations, whether public or
163 private, of money, real property, or personal property and
164 shall expend the same in furtherance of the work of the
165 commission.

166 (m) The work of the commission shall be supported by
167 the Military Stability Foundation, an Alabama nonprofit
168 corporation incorporated on September 8, 2011, which shall not



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169 be considered a government body. Documents produced by or for
170 the foundation shall not be considered public writings, even
171 if viewed by or delivered to the commission, as the disclosure
172 of the documents would be detrimental to the best interest of
173 the public."

174 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
175 1, 2025.