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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, persons are prohibited from
6 operating unmanned aircraft systems within a certain
7 distance of a correctional facility, with certain
8 specified exemptions.

9 This bill would authorize the Department of
10 Corrections to take reasonable and necessary measures
11 against unmanned aircraft systems operating in
12 violation of the prohibition against operating unmanned
13 aircraft systems near a correctional facility.

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16 A BILL

17 TO BE ENTITLED

18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to crimes and offenses; to add Section
21 13A-7-94.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize the
22 Department of Corrections to take certain actions regarding
23 unmanned aircraft systems.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 13A-7-94.1 is added to the Code of
26 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

27 §13A-7-94.1

28 (a) The Department of Corrections may take reasonable

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29 and necessary measures against an unmanned aircraft system
30 operating in violation of this article, including, but not
31 limited to, all of the following measures:

32 (1) Jamming.

33 (2) Hacking.

34 (3) Physical capture.

35 (4) Any other reasonable mitigation measure undertaken
36 to neutralize, intercept, disable, or disrupt an unmanned
37 aircraft system.

38 (b) The Department of Corrections and its officers,
39 employees, and agents shall be exempt from liability for any
40 injury or loss to any person or property, including any
41 unmanned aircraft system, weapons, or contraband, resulting
42 from measures undertaken pursuant to this section.

43 (c) This section shall not be construed to eliminate,
44 alter, or otherwise modify any other immunity or defense
45 available to the Department of Corrections or its officers,
46 employees, or agents established by law.

47 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
48 2026.