

**SB128 ENGROSSED**



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2 W1BYZ5E-2

3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Stewart

4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

5 First Read: 13-Jan-26



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6 A BILL

7 TO BE ENTITLED

8 AN ACT

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10 Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the  
11 existence and functioning of the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight  
12 and Regulatory Commission until October 1, 2030, with certain  
13 modifications; to amend Sections 22-10B-1 and 22-10B-2, Code  
14 of Alabama 1975, to place the commission as a division within  
15 the Alabama Department of Public Health; to require the  
16 department to provide all necessary administrative services  
17 for the commission; to authorize the department to provide for  
18 an executive director and outside experts for the commission;  
19 to transfer all property of the commission to the department;  
20 and to change board members from being appointed subject to  
21 confirmation by the Senate to serving upon appointment unless  
22 and until rejected by the Senate.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the  
25 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the Alabama  
26 Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission until October  
27 1, 2030, with additional recommendation for statutory change  
28 as set out in Section 3.



29                   Section 2. The existence and functioning of the Alabama  
30 Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission, created and  
31 functioning pursuant to Sections 22-10B-1 to 22-10B-7,  
32 inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued until October 1,  
33 2030, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

34                   Section 3. Section 22-10B-1 and 22-10B-2, Code of  
35 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

36                   "§22-10B-1

37                   (a) There is created and, beginning on October 1, 2026,  
38 established as a division within the Alabama Department of  
39 Public Health, the Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and  
40 Regulatory Commission.

41                   (b) The department shall provide to the commission all  
42 administrative services necessary for the commission to carry  
43 out its duties, including:

44                   (1) Financial services;

45                   (2) Legal services;

46                   (3) Dedicated office space;

47                   (4) Administrative staff, who are shared with or  
48 dedicated solely to the commission, and other personnel as  
49 necessary for the efficient operation of the commission;

50                   (5) Information technology services, including website  
51 maintenance and dedicated phone lines and email addresses for  
52 commission members and staff; and

53                   (6) Necessary office furniture and supplies.

54                   (c) (1) Any contract or binding agreement for  
55 administrative services executed by the commission before the  
56 effective date of this act shall continue in effect until



57 expiration as provided by its terms. After expiration, the  
58 department shall assume all administrative services provided  
59 by subsection (b) .

60 (2) The commission may enter into a contract or other  
61 agreement for the provision of administrative services so long  
62 as the agreement terminates on or before October 1, 2026.

63 (d) When necessary, the department may retain the  
64 services of outside experts, including an executive director,  
65 accountants, attorneys, and consultants using funds  
66 appropriated for use by the commission on behalf of the  
67 commission.

68 (e) On October 1, 2026, all real and personal property  
69 and all other effects of the commission shall transfer to the  
70 department."

71 "§22-10B-2

72 (a) The commission shall consist of the following  
73 members:

74 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the Governor.

75 (2) One member shall be appointed by the University of  
76 South Alabama Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center.

77 (3) One member shall be appointed by the University of  
78 ~~Alabama-Birmingham~~ Alabama at Birmingham.

79 (4) One member shall be appointed by ~~the~~ Children's  
80 Hospital of ~~Birmingham~~ Alabama.

81 (5) Each of the seven chapters of the Sickle Cell  
82 Disease Association of America-Alabama Chapter, Incorporated,  
83 shall appoint one member.

84 (b) (1) Appointees to the commission shall be ~~citizens~~



85 residents of this state and shall ~~be subject to confirmation~~  
86 ~~by the Senate, and upon confirmation,~~ serve for a term of four  
87 years. The membership of the commission shall be inclusive and  
88 reflect the racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban,  
89 rural, and economic diversity of the state. The commission  
90 shall annually report to the Legislature by the second  
91 legislative day of each regular session the extent to which  
92 the commission has complied with the diversity provisions of  
93 this ~~subsection~~ subdivision. In the event of the death or  
94 resignation of any member of the commission, a successor shall  
95 be appointed by the original appointing authority and the  
96 successor appointed to the vacancy shall serve for the  
97 remainder of the unexpired term. The members shall elect from  
98 their membership a chair and a vice chair at an organizational  
99 meeting held no later than 30 days after appointments to the  
100 commission are confirmed.

101 (2) All appointees shall serve their appointed terms  
102 unless the Senate elects to consider and then rejects an  
103 appointment. The entire Senate or the Senate Committee on  
104 Confirmations may elect to consider an appointment. If an  
105 appointment is rejected by the Senate Committee on  
106 Confirmations, the rejection shall be considered a rejection  
107 by the entire Senate.

108 (c) Members of the commission shall receive no salaries  
109 but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenditures  
110 incurred in the performance of their official duties pursuant  
111 to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36. Expenses of the  
112 commission are to be paid from funds available to the



113 commission.

114 (d) A member who has failed to attend three consecutive  
115 properly noticed meetings may be removed at the request of the  
116 commission."

117 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the  
118 recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in  
119 Sections 1, 2, and 3.

120 Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately.



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123 Senate

124 Read for the first time and referred .....13-Jan-26  
125 to the Senate committee on Fiscal  
126 Responsibility and Economic  
127 Development  
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129 Read for the second time and placed .....14-Jan-26  
130 on the calendar:  
131 1 amendment  
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133 Read for the third time and passed .....20-Jan-26  
134 as amended  
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136 Yeas 26  
137 Nays 0  
138 Abstains 0  
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141 Patrick Harris,  
142 Secretary.  
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