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SYNOPSIS:

Existing law establishes how security is provided at the Alabama State House.

This bill would provide for security at the new Alabama State House, parking deck, and park adjacent to the new Alabama State House and at official events of the Legislature held off-site.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Legislature; to amend Section 29-4-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide security for the Legislature in the new Alabama State House, legislative parking deck, and park adjacent to the new Alabama State House and at official legislative events held off-site.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 29-4-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§29-4-4

(a) Unless provided otherwise by law or applicable legislative rule or policy, security personnel employed by the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be responsible



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for the security of all of the following:

(1) The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth floors of the Alabama State House located at 11 South Union Street, such other areas within the Alabama State House ~~as~~ which are occupied or used by the Legislature, and such additional areas outside the Alabama State House in accordance with Section 29-1-19.

(2) The new Alabama State House, as coordinated by the Secretary of the Legislative Council, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(3) The legislative parking deck and park located between South Union Street and the new Alabama State House.

(4) During any official legislative event, as designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives in coordination with the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, held in the State of Alabama away from the Capitol complex.

(b) The security officers employed under this chapter shall have the powers of peace officers in this state and may exercise those powers only in the areas designated in subsection (a).

(c) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, in coordination with the Legislative Council, shall be responsible for the security of the perimeter and points of entry to the Alabama State House and new Alabama State House as prescribed by the Legislative Council.

(d) (1) Every department, agency, and bureau of the State of Alabama shall assist in any manner requested by the



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Legislature in assuring the security of the areas of the Alabama State House designated in subsection (a).

(2) Subsection (c) shall apply to any convening of the Legislature outside of the Capitol or away from the Alabama State House in accordance with Sections 48 or 48.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, or other applicable law.

(e) For purposes of this section, "new Alabama State House" means the building bounded by Pelham Street, South Jackson Street, and Washington Avenue in Montgomery."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.