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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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13 A BILL

14 TO BE ENTITLED

15 AN ACT

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

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

25 "§29-4-4

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



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29 for the security of all of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

66 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
67 1, 2026.