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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law prohibits the approval of
9 distinctive license plates for out-of-state
10 colleges and universities.

11 This bill would allow the approval of
12 distinctive license plates for out-of-state
13 colleges and universities by the legislative
14 oversight committee upon application for quantity
15 Class 2, a minimum of 1,000 commitments to purchase
16 before the manufacture of such plates.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975,
23 relating to the approval of distinctive license plates; to
24 allow the approval of distinctive license plates for
25 out-of-state colleges and universities by the legislative
26 oversight committee after obtaining the certain minimum
27 commitments to purchase.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 "§32-6-67.

5 "(a) There is created a legislative committee to
6 oversee the implementation and administration of this Article
7 2, except Subdivision 1 of Division 1. The committee shall be
8 composed of three members of the House of Representatives and
9 a county license plate issuing official, who shall be
10 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the
11 House, and three members of the Senate and a county license
12 plate issuing official, who shall be appointed by and serve at
13 the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor, the Director of the
14 Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, the Director of
15 Public Safety, and the President of the Probate Judges
16 Association. The Department of Revenue shall designate a
17 representative and the Department of Corrections shall
18 designate a representative of Alabama Correctional Industries
19 as nonvoting and advisory members to the committee. The chair,
20 who shall be picked by the members of the committee from the
21 legislative members on the committee, shall have the authority
22 to call meetings of the committee when he or she deems it
23 necessary or as otherwise provided in this section.

24 "(b) The committee shall:

25 "(1) Meet not less than once every six months.

1 "(2) Require that a simple majority of committee
2 voting members be in attendance for conducting whatever
3 business requires committee action.

4 "(3) Establish guidelines for the qualification of
5 organizations which may sponsor a new or continued issuance of
6 a license plate category, or may benefit from that issuance.

7 "(4) Approve, disapprove, or indefinitely postpone,
8 by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a committee
9 meeting, a request for a new license plate category.

10 "(c) Decisions of the committee concerning approval,
11 disapproval, or indefinite postponement of further action on a
12 proposed distinctive license plate shall be interpreted to be
13 the intent of the entire body of the Legislature, and
14 separate, specific action by the Legislature concerning a
15 distinctive license plate proposal shall not be considered.

16 "(d) The committee shall not consider for approval
17 applications from the following types of organizations:

18 "~~(1) Out-of-state colleges and universities.~~

19 "~~(2)~~ (1) Private businesses, business organizations,
20 or commercial entities of any type.

21 "~~(3)~~ (2) Public schools K-12, junior colleges, and
22 technical schools, exclusive of the Helping Schools Tag as
23 established in Sections 32-6-300 and 32-6-301.

24 "~~(4)~~ (3) Groups within high schools, junior colleges,
25 universities, and technical schools, such as band boosters,
26 athletic boosters, and the like.

27 "~~(5)~~ (4) Unions.

1 "~~(6)~~(5) Political organizations.

2 "~~(7)~~(6) Religious organizations.

3 "~~(8)~~(7) Groups that promote racial or social
4 disharmony.

5 "~~(9)~~(8) Public officials.

6 "(e) The committee may consider and approve an
7 application for a distinctive license plate for quantity Class
8 2 for an out-of-state college or university that submits an
9 application pursuant to Section 32-6-64.

10 "~~(e)~~(f) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary
11 of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall provide
12 clerical assistance necessary for the work of the committee.

13 "~~(f)~~(g) The committee members who are members of the
14 Legislature shall be entitled to, and shall receive, the same
15 daily legislative compensation, expense allowances, per diem,
16 and other compensation which they receive while in legislative
17 session for each weekday, Monday through Friday, during any
18 week in which the committee actually meets. The
19 non-legislative members of the committee shall be entitled to,
20 and shall receive, the same per diem and expenses that are
21 paid to state employees."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.