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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow the board of  
9 trustees, the executive committee of a board of  
10 trustees, or any other committee established by a  
11 board of trustees of any public four-year  
12 institution of higher education in this state to  
13 participate in meetings by telephone conference or  
14 video conference if notice of the meetings is given  
15 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the members  
16 of the public are given the opportunity to  
17 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

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19 A BILL  
20 TO BE ENTITLED  
21 AN ACT  
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23 Relating to public four-year institutions of higher  
24 education in the state; to allow the board of trustees, the  
25 executive committee of the board of trustees, or any other  
26 committee established by the board of trustees to participate  
27 in meetings by telephone conference or video conference if

1 notice of the meetings is given pursuant to the Open Meetings  
2 Act and the members of the public are given the opportunity to  
3 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Members of the board of trustees, the  
6 executive committee of the board of trustees, or any other  
7 committee established by the board of trustees of any public  
8 four-year institution of higher education located in this  
9 state may participate in a meeting of the board or committee  
10 by means of telephone conference, video conference, or similar  
11 communications equipment by means of which all persons  
12 participating in the meeting may hear each other at the same  
13 time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in  
14 person at a meeting for all purposes, including the  
15 establishment of a quorum. Notice of such meetings shall be  
16 provided in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and  
17 such telephone or video conference or similar communications  
18 equipment shall also allow members of the public the  
19 opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe such  
20 meetings.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.