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3 By Senator Figures
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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.