

1 SB66
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3 By Senator Chambliss
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8 SYNOPSIS: In the 2021 Regular Session the Study
9 Commission on Interagency Cooperation and
10 Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and
11 Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals
12 was created.

13 Under existing law, the study commission is
14 dissolved on the fifth legislative day of the 2022
15 Regular Session.

16 This bill would extend the dissolution date
17 until the fifth legislative day of the 2023 Regular
18 Session.

19 This bill would also provide for the payment
20 of expenses.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT

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26 Relating to the Study Commission on Interagency
27 Cooperation and Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and

1 Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals; to amend
2 Section 3 of Act 2021-478, 2021 Regular Session, to extend the
3 dissolution date of the study commission and to provide for
4 expenses.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Section 3 of Act 2021-478 of the 2021
7 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

8 "Section 3. (a) There is established a Study
9 Commission on Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the
10 Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated
11 Individuals, which shall consist of all of the following:

12 "(1) One member of the House of Representatives,
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

14 "(2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
15 President Pro Tempore.

16 "(3) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or
17 her designee.

18 "(4) The Commissioner of the Department of
19 Corrections, or his or her designee.

20 "(5) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental
21 Health, or his or her designee.

22 "(6) The Commissioner of the Department of Human
23 Resources, or his or her designee.

24 "(7) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid
25 Agency, or his or her designee.

26 "(8) The Director of the Alabama Community College
27 System, or his or her designee.

1 "(9) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
2 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

3 "(10) The Secretary of the Department of Labor, or
4 his or her designee.

5 "(11) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
6 Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee.

7 "(12) The Executive Director of the Office of
8 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

9 "(13) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama
10 District Attorneys Association.

11 "(b) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or
12 her designee, shall serve as the chair of the commission. A
13 vice chair shall be designated by a majority vote of the
14 quorum of the membership at its first meeting. A quorum shall
15 consist of a majority of the membership.

16 "(c) The membership of the commission shall be
17 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic areas,
18 ~~urban/rural~~, and economic diversity of the state.

19 "(d) The commission shall have all of the following
20 duties:

21 "(1) Develop and present a strategic plan to make
22 communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization and
23 assist individuals who return from prison to become productive
24 citizens and save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and
25 collateral costs of incarceration.

1 "(2) Identify, implement, and promote evidence-based
2 research, policies, strategies, and programming to support
3 successful reentry and reintegration.

4 "(3) Promote partnerships and collaboration among
5 state agencies and with local governments and organizations to
6 effectively and cost-efficiently advance reentry and
7 reintegration efforts and eliminate duplication of services.

8 "(4) Develop strategies to expand access to
9 educational programs and support programs upon reentry.

10 "(5) Develop strategies to assure access to health
11 care coverage and behavioral health services upon reentry.

12 "(6) Identify and address unwarranted barriers to
13 successful reentry.

14 "(e) (1) The commission shall hold its first meeting
15 no later than June 1, 2021, with the date, time, and location
16 of the meeting to be designated by the Director of Pardons and
17 Paroles, or his or her designee.

18 "(2) At the first meeting, the commission shall
19 elect a vice chair, elect other officers as determined by the
20 commission, and set dates, times, and locations of subsequent
21 meetings.

22 "(3) The commission shall meet at least monthly and
23 shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to
24 the Legislature no later than the fifth legislative day of the
25 ~~2022~~ 2023 Regular Session, whereupon the commission shall
26 stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and
27 liabilities.

1 "(f) The House of Representatives and the Senate
2 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the
3 commission to perform its duties.

4 "(g) Expenses incurred by the commission before or
5 after the effective date of the act adding this subsection
6 shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Legislature, not
7 to exceed a total of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

8 "~~(g)~~ (h) Members of the commission shall serve
9 without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary
10 expenses in attending meetings of the commission according to
11 policies and procedures of their respective appointing
12 authority or employing agency.

13 "~~(h)~~ (i) Legislative members of the commission shall
14 be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
15 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
16 commission, in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
17 Constitution of Alabama of 1901."

18 Section 2. This act is curative and retroactive to
19 the fifth legislative day of the 2022 Regular Session.

20 Section 3. This act shall become effective
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.