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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create the Alabama Task
9 Force on School Safety and Security and would
10 authorize the task force to annually study the
11 current educational and safety laws, rules, and
12 policies of this state in order to assist the
13 Legislature in making effective changes to protect
14 and benefit the citizens of this state.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to schools; to create the Alabama Task
21 Force on School Safety and Security; to require the task force
22 to annually study the educational and safety laws, rules, and
23 policies of this state; and to require the task force to make
24 legislative recommendations to the Legislature when necessary.
25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. The Legislature finds all of the
27 following:

1 (1) With recent shootings at many schools, colleges,
2 and universities around the nation, the threat of violence at
3 our public schools, colleges, and universities in the State of
4 Alabama is an issue that deserves significant attention and
5 review.

6 (2) The State of Alabama has a responsibility to
7 ensure that our schools across the state are as safe, secure,
8 and protected as possible.

9 (3) An annual comprehensive study of the educational
10 and safety laws, rules, and policies of the state will help
11 the Legislature make equitable, meaningful, and effective
12 changes for the well-being of our students and citizens.

13 Section 2. (a) The Alabama Task Force on School
14 Safety and Security is created.

15 (b) The membership of the task force shall be
16 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban,
17 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

18 (c) The membership of the task force shall consist
19 of all of the following:

20 (1) The Governor, or his or her designee.

21 (2) A teacher appointed by the Governor.

22 (3) The Superintendent of the Alabama Department of
23 Education, or his or her designee.

24 (4) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College
25 System, or his or her designee.

1 (5) The president of a four-year university
2 appointed by the Alabama Council of College and University
3 Presidents.

4 (6) The president of a two-year college appointed by
5 the Alabama Council of College and University Presidents.

6 (7) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
7 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

8 (8) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
9 Mental Health, or his or her designee.

10 (9) The Director of the Alabama Emergency Management
11 Agency, or his or her designee.

12 (10) The Secretary of Information Technology, or his
13 or her designee.

14 (11) A local education superintendent appointed by
15 the School Superintendents Association of Alabama.

16 (12) A member of a local school board appointed by
17 the Alabama School Boards Association.

18 (13) A certified school resource officer appointed
19 by the Alabama Association of School Resource Officers.

20 (14) A licensed school counselor appointed by the
21 Alabama School Counselor Association.

22 (15) A sheriff appointed by the Alabama Sheriffs
23 Association.

24 (16) A police chief appointed by the Alabama
25 Association of Chiefs of Police.

26 (17) A local emergency management director appointed
27 by the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers.

1 (18) The Chair of the House Education Policy
2 Committee.

3 (19) The Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

4 (20) A member appointed by the Speaker of the
5 Alabama House of Representatives.

6 (21) A member appointed by the President Pro Tempore
7 of the Alabama Senate.

8 (22) An attorney specializing in education law
9 appointed by the Alabama Law Institute.

10 (23) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee.

11 (24) An active law enforcement officer with
12 experience in active shooter and other emergency situations in
13 schools appointed by the Alabama Tactical Officers
14 Association.

15 (d) (1) Appointments to the task force shall be made
16 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

17 Section 3. The task force shall have all of the
18 following duties:

19 (1) Complete a comprehensive annual review and
20 assessment of state laws, rules, protocols, and minimum
21 standards in place concerning school safety and security.

22 (2) Identify gaps in school safety and security that
23 need to be addressed.

24 (3) As needed, submit recommendations for immediate,
25 achievable legislative actions to the Governor, the Speaker of
26 the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the
27 Senate, and the appropriate legislative committees to ensure

1 that public schools across the State of Alabama are as safe,
2 secure, and protected as possible.

3 Section 4. (a) The task force shall hold its first
4 meeting no later than August 1, 2018, with the date, time, and
5 location of the meeting designated by the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives.

7 (b) The task force shall meet at least once, and
8 annually thereafter, to determine if any recommendations
9 should be made to the Legislature to enhance school safety.

10 (c) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect
11 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the
12 task force, and shall set dates, times, and locations of
13 subsequent meetings.

14 (d) The House of Representatives, the Senate, and
15 the Legislative Services Agency shall provide the necessary
16 staff and support to the task force to perform its duties as
17 needed.

18 (e) (1) Members of the task force shall serve without
19 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in
20 attending meetings of the task force according to the policies
21 and procedures of their respective appointing authority.

22 (2) Legislative members of the task force shall be
23 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
24 travel expenses for each day in attendance of a task force
25 meeting in accordance with Amendment 871 of the Constitution
26 of Alabama of 1901.

1 Section 5. If the task force has any legislative
2 recommendations, the task force shall submit to the
3 Legislature its findings and recommendations in writing by
4 December 31 of each year.

5 Section 6. This act shall become effective
6 immediately following its passage and approval by the
7 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.