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8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA COMMISSION ON CHILD  
9 PROTECTION.

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to the  
12 protection and well-being of all citizens of this state and  
13 particularly the children of Alabama; and

14 WHEREAS, learning to use electronic communication  
15 devices and having Internet access is essential for the  
16 education of the children of Alabama; and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that electronic  
18 communications and the Internet frequently contain  
19 communications and information that are inappropriate for  
20 children and may be used by others in a patently offensive  
21 way, lacking literary, artistic, political, scientific, or  
22 educational value and may entice unsuspecting children into  
23 activities that are potentially dangerous; and

24 WHEREAS, electronic communications and the Internet  
25 may be used to lure children into illegal activities such as  
26 human trafficking and prostitution; and

1           WHEREAS, solutions to enhance the safety of the  
2 children in this state using electronic communications and the  
3 Internet would benefit children and the general public, and  
4 may reduce crimes in Alabama; and

5           WHEREAS, it is imperative that areas of risk be  
6 identified in order to advance proven and innovative  
7 technologies and procedures to promote the safety and  
8 protection of the children of Alabama who use electronic  
9 communications and the Internet; now therefore,

10           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama  
12 Commission on Child Protection to conduct a review of current  
13 state laws, rules, and procedures regarding the protection of  
14 children using electronic communications and the Internet, and  
15 recommend improvements, including innovative technology,  
16 improved methods to filter what is available to children on  
17 the Internet, methods to monitor and track electronic  
18 communications that may be harmful to children, and other  
19 measures to promote and enhance child protection and safety in  
20 this state.

21           (a) Membership of the Alabama Commission on Child  
22 Protection shall be comprised of the following:

23           (1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his  
24 or her designee.

25           (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or  
26 his or her designee.

1                   (3) The Director of the Alabama Department of Human  
2 Resources, or his or her designee.

3                   (4) A pediatrician appointed by the Speaker of the  
4 House of Representatives.

5                   (5) A child psychologist appointed by the President  
6 Pro Tempore of the Senate.

7                   (6) The Director of the Alabama Public Health  
8 Department, or his or her designee.

9                   (7) One member representing education appointed by  
10 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

11                   (8) One member representing education appointed by  
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

13                   (9) The Director of the Department of Mental Health,  
14 or his or her designee.

15                   (10) One member representing education appointed by  
16 the Governor.

17                   (11) The Attorney General of Alabama, or his or her  
18 designee.

19                   (12) The Executive Director of the Office of  
20 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

21                   (13) One member representing Internet Service  
22 Providers appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives.

24                   (14) One member representing mobile phone  
25 manufacturing appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
26 Senate.

1           (15) One member of an organization associated with  
2 family health and well-being appointed by the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate.

4           (16) One member with an organization focused on  
5 civil liberties, including freedom of speech, appointed by the  
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7           (17) One member representing the Harris Home for  
8 Children in Huntsville, Alabama.

9           (18) One member representing the Alabama Library  
10 Association.

11           (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
12 their appointments to assure membership of the Alabama  
13 Commission on Child Protection is inclusive and reflects the  
14 racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic  
15 diversity of the state.

16           (c) The commission shall have the following duties:

17           (1) Perform a complete and comprehensive review and  
18 assessment of current state laws and rules regarding child  
19 protection as it pertains to the use of the Internet and  
20 electronic communication devices.

21           (2) Recommend improvements for the safety of  
22 children who use the Internet and electronic communication  
23 devices.

24           (3) Recommend legislation to implement methods to  
25 improve the safety of children using the Internet and  
26 electronic communication devices.

1           (d) (1) Appointments to the commission shall be made  
2 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

3           (2) The commission shall hold its first meeting no  
4 later than August 1, 2018, with the date, time, and location  
5 of the meeting designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
6 Senate.

7           (3) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect  
8 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the  
9 commission, and shall set dates, times, and locations of  
10 subsequent meetings.

11           (e) The House of Representatives and the Senate  
12 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the  
13 commission to perform its duties.

14           (f) The commission shall submit its findings and  
15 recommendations in writing to the Legislature no later than  
16 the fifth Legislative day of the 2019 Regular Session, at  
17 which time the commission shall be dissolved.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all state agencies are  
19 urged to cooperate fully with the commission in accomplishing  
20 the objectives of the commission, and that a copy of this  
21 resolution be presented to the appointing authorities set out  
22 above so that our sincere and continuing interest in this  
23 matter is known.