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3 By Representative Greer
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the University of North
9 Alabama is under the management of a board of
10 trustees.

11 This bill would revise the membership of the
12 board to replace the State Superintendent of
13 Education with an at-large member appointed from
14 within or outside of the state.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 To amend Section 16-51-3, Code of Alabama 1975,
21 relating to the University of North Alabama; to revise the
22 membership of the board by replacing the State Superintendent
23 of Education with an at-large member appointed from within or
24 outside of the state.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 16-51-3 of the Code of Alabama
27 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1 "§16-51-3.

2 "(a) There is hereby created a Board of Trustees for
3 the University of North Alabama, the state educational
4 institution at Florence, Alabama. The board of trustees shall
5 consist of all of the following:

6 "(1) ~~Six six~~ members who are residents of the
7 ~~seventh and eighth~~ fourth and fifth congressional districts,
8 at least two of whom shall be residents of the county in which
9 the institution is located, ~~and.~~

10 "(2) ~~Three three~~ members from the state at large, ~~7~~
11 ~~the State Superintendent of Education.~~

12 "(3) One at-large member from within or outside of
13 the state.

14 "(4) ~~The and the~~ Governor, who shall be ex officio
15 president of the board.

16 "(b) The trustees shall be appointed by the
17 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate
18 and, except for the first trustees appointed, shall hold
19 office for a term of 12 years, until 2015, and until their
20 successors shall be appointed and qualified. The Governor
21 shall coordinate his or her appointments so that diversity of
22 gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the
23 makeup of this state. Beginning in 2015, the board shall be
24 divided into three groups, so that reappointments may be made
25 each two years. In 2015, three members shall be appointed for
26 terms of two years, and three members shall be appointed for
27 terms of four years, and three members shall be appointed for

1 terms of six years. The initial term of the at-large member
2 appointed pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) shall
3 be six years. Thereafter, all successor members shall be
4 appointed for six-year terms. A trustee may be reappointed to
5 additional terms.

6 "(c) No trustee shall receive any pay or emolument
7 other than his or her actual expenses incurred in the
8 discharge of his or her duties as such. No employee of the
9 university shall be eligible to serve on its board of
10 trustees."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.