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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow the Board of Trustees  
9 of the University of South Alabama to participate  
10 in meetings by telephone conference or video  
11 conference if notice of the meetings is given  
12 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the members  
13 of the public are given the opportunity to  
14 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to the University of South Alabama Board of  
21 Trustees; to allow the board of trustees to participate in  
22 meetings by telephone conference or video conference if notice  
23 of the meetings is given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and  
24 the members of the public are given the opportunity to  
25 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. Members of the Board of Trustees of the  
2 University of South Alabama may participate in a meeting of  
3 the board or committee by means of telephone conference, video  
4 conference, or similar communications equipment by means of  
5 which all persons participating in the meeting may hear each  
6 other at the same time. Participation by such means shall  
7 constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes.  
8 However, a majority of a quorum of the members of the board of  
9 trustees, or, in the event of a meeting of only the executive  
10 committee, a majority of a quorum of the executive committee  
11 of the board of trustees must be physically present at the  
12 location noticed and called for the meeting in order to  
13 conduct any business or deliberation. Members of the board of  
14 trustees and any committees of the board of trustees may not  
15 utilize electronic communications except as in compliance with  
16 the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Notice of board meetings shall  
17 be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act  
18 and telephone or video conference or similar communications  
19 equipment shall also allow members of the public the  
20 opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe such  
21 meetings.

22           Section 2. This act shall become effective  
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.