

1 HB718
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3 By Representative Todd
4 RFD: Boards, Agencies and Commissions
5 First Read: 19-APR-12

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To amend Section 29-2-250 of the Code of Alabama
9 1975, relating to the Alabama Commission to Reduce Poverty, to
10 further provide for membership.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 29-2-250 of the Code of Alabama
13 1975, is amended to read as follows:

14 "§29-2-250.

15 "(a) There is created the Alabama Commission to
16 Reduce Poverty. The commission shall consist of the chair and
17 vice chair of the House Education Appropriations Committee or
18 their designees; the chair and vice chair of the House
19 Government Appropriations Committee or their designees; the
20 chair and vice chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
21 Education Committee or their designees; the chair and vice
22 chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund
23 Committee or their designees; three members of the House of
24 Representatives appointed by the Speaker; three members of the
25 Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; one member
26 appointed by the Alabama Poverty Project; one member appointed
27 by Alabama Arise; one member appointed by Alabama Community

1 Action Agencies; one member representing the faith community
2 appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Low
3 Income Housing Coalition; two individuals living in poverty
4 appointed by the Governor; ~~and~~ one member appointed by VOICES,
5 one member appointed by the Alabama Alliance to End
6 Homelessness; one member appointed by the Business Council of
7 Alabama; one member appointed by the American Association of
8 Retired Persons (AARP); one member appointed by the Alabama
9 Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity; and one member appointed by
10 the Alabama Industrial Development of Training Institute
11 (AIDT) and one member appointed by the National Federation of
12 Independent Business (NFIB). The membership of the commission
13 shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
14 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. The
15 commission shall hold its organizational meeting within 30
16 days after May 21, 2009. The commission shall meet at the call
17 of the chair or any majority of members thereof; provided,
18 that the commission shall meet at least once each four months.
19 The commission may meet, act, and conduct its business during
20 the sessions of the Legislature or any recess thereof, and in
21 the interim period between sessions.

22 "(b) The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the
23 House of Representatives, the Legislative Reference Service,
24 the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Examiners of Public
25 Accounts shall provide any assistance as may be necessary at
26 the commission's request. Each legislative member of the
27 commission shall be entitled to his or her regular legislative

1 compensation, his or her per diem, and travel expenses for
2 each day he or she attends a meeting of the commission which
3 shall be paid out of any funds appropriated for the use of the
4 Legislature, upon warrants drawn on the state Comptroller upon
5 requisitions signed by the commission's chair; provided,
6 however, that members shall not receive additional legislative
7 compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session
8 but they shall receive their travel expenses for all meetings
9 attended. Nonlegislative members shall receive per diem and
10 travel expenses in the same amount as state employees receive,
11 which amounts shall be paid out of funds appropriated by the
12 Legislature for such use.

13 "(c) The commission shall study and evaluate the
14 following policies and programs of the State of Alabama:

15 "(1) State supported programs that serve those
16 living in poverty.

17 "(2) The economic impact of poverty.

18 "(3) Current policies and services that affect those
19 living in poverty.

20 "(4) Recommendations and proposed legislation
21 affecting individuals in poverty.

22 "(d) The commission shall make an annual report to
23 members of the Legislature no later than the seventh
24 legislative day of each regular session detailing any and all
25 recommendations.

1 "(e) The amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
2 shall be the total amount that may be expended by the
3 commission in any one year."

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

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House of Representatives

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Yeas 100, Nays 0, Abstains 0

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Clerk