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3 By Senators Chambliss and Marsh
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8 TO AMEND AND READOPT ACT 2017-63, SJR52, 2017
9 REGULAR SESSION, TO RECREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE
10 ON BUDGET REFORM.
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12 WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Budget
13 Reform was created by the Legislature during the 2016 First
14 Special Session (Act 2016-480) to examine the structure and
15 design of the state budgeting process and make recommendations
16 for long-term budget and tax system reforms; and

17 WHEREAS, the task force, recreated by Act 2017-63,
18 SJR52, 2017 Regular Session, has held numerous meetings to
19 hear testimony and examine potential policy approaches
20 relating to the expenditures of state government within the
21 General Fund and the existing structure of the state budgeting
22 process; and

23 WHEREAS, due to the diligent work of task force
24 members, the task force has made significant progress in
25 formulating suggested policy changes to the budgeting process
26 which will facilitate thorough review and oversight of state

1 agency spending and ensure that taxpayer dollars are
2 appropriated in the best possible manner; and

3 WHEREAS, task force members are commended for their
4 efforts to formulate meaningful budget reform and should be
5 afforded additional time to complete their research and
6 finalize recommendations to the Legislature; and

7 WHEREAS, a Second Interim Report of the Joint
8 Legislative Task Force on Budget Reform was provided as
9 required by Act 2017-63, SJR52, 2017 Regular Session; within
10 that report, the task force requested to be continued and the
11 date for the final report extended until the fifth legislative
12 day of the 2019 Regular Session; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Act 2017-63, SJR52, 2017
15 Regular Session, relating to the Joint Legislative Task Force
16 on Budget Reform, is amended and readopted as follows:

17 That a Joint Legislative Task Force on Budget Reform
18 is created to examine the structure and design of the state
19 budgeting process and make recommendations for long-term
20 budget and tax system reforms.

21 (a) The committee is composed of the following:

22 (1) Sen. Greg Albritton (R-Range)

23 (2) Sen. Clyde Chambliss (R-Prattville)

24 (3) Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison (D-Birmingham)

25 (4) Sen. Bill Hightower (R-Mobile)

26 (5) Sen. Bill Holtzclaw (R-Madison)

27 (6) Sen. Bobby Singleton (D-Greensboro)

1 (7) Sen. Phil Williams (R-Rainbow City)

2 (8) Rep. Anthony Daniels (D-Huntsville)

3 (9) Rep. Allen Farley (R-McCalla)

4 (10) Rep. Danny Garrett (R-Trussville)

5 (11) Rep. John Knight (D-Montgomery)

6 (12) Rep. Chris Pringle (R-Mobile)

7 (13) Rep. Kyle South (R-Fayette)

8 (14) Rep. Rich Wingo (R-Tuscaloosa)

9 (b) Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment. The
10 Speaker of the House shall fill vacancies created by House
11 members. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall fill
12 vacancies created by Senate members.

13 (c) The task force shall evaluate and recommend
14 changes to state budgeting practices including, but not
15 limited to:

16 (1) Adjustments to the budgeting process for the
17 Education Trust Fund and General Fund.

18 (2) Requiring state entities to undergo greater
19 performance and program reviews.

20 (3) Unearmarking funds in order to provide for
21 greater legislative oversight and appropriating flexibility.

22 (4) Reviewing existing state tax credits,
23 deductions, and exemptions that result in the loss of
24 approximately \$4.5 billion in revenue to our state budgets
25 each year, and creating a policy to ensure that future tax
26 credits effectively provide economic gain to the state.

1 (5) Identifying areas to provide tax relief to
2 Alabama families without significantly impacting state
3 budgets.

4 (d) The task force shall meet periodically as
5 determined by the co-chairs and shall report its findings,
6 conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature not later
7 than the 15th legislative day of the 2019 Regular Session,
8 whereupon the task force shall stand dissolved and discharged
9 of any further duties and liabilities.

10 (e) Each member of the task force shall be entitled
11 to his or her regular legislative compensation, per diem, and
12 travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of
13 the task force in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
14 Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be paid
15 out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
16 means of warrants drawn by the state Comptroller on the State
17 Treasury.