

1 HB467  
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3 By Representative Wood (R)  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, security personnel employed by the House of Representatives and the Senate are responsible for the security of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth floors of the Alabama State House, as well as certain other specified areas.

This bill would add the third floor of the Alabama State House to the specified areas of responsibility for security personnel, as well as other areas of the State House when occupied or used by the Legislature.

This bill would also require the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, as prescribed by the Legislative Council and in coordination with the council, to provide security of the perimeter and entry points of the State House or other places where the Legislature may convene under certain conditions.

A BILL

1 TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT

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4 Relating to House and Senate security; to amend  
5 Section 29-4-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for  
6 the security of the Alabama State House; and to require the  
7 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, in consultation with the  
8 Legislative Council, to provide security of the perimeter and  
9 entry points of the State House.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 29-4-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "§29-4-4.

14 "(a) ~~Security~~ Unless provided otherwise by law or  
15 applicable legislative rule or policy, security personnel  
16 employed by the House of Representatives and the Senate shall  
17 be responsible for the security of the third, fourth, fifth,  
18 sixth, seventh, and eighth floors of the Alabama State House,  
19 such other areas within the Alabama State House as are  
20 occupied or used by the Legislature, and such ~~other~~ additional  
21 areas outside the Alabama State House in accordance with  
22 Section 29-1-19.

23 "(b) The security officers employed under this  
24 chapter shall have the powers of peace officers in this state  
25 and may exercise those powers only in the areas designated in  
26 subsection (a).

1           "(c) The Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, in  
2           coordination with the Legislative Council, shall be  
3           responsible for the security of the perimeter and points of  
4           entry to the Alabama State House as prescribed by the  
5           Legislative Council.

6           "(d) (1) Every department, agency, and bureau of the  
7           State of Alabama shall assist in any manner requested by the  
8           Legislature in assuring the security of the areas of the  
9           Alabama State House designated in subsection (a).

10           "(2) The provisions of subsection (c) of this  
11           section shall apply to any convening of the Legislature  
12           outside of the Capitol or away from the Alabama State House in  
13           accordance with Sections 48 or 48.01 of the Official  
14           Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
15           amended, or other applicable law."

16           Section 2. This act shall become effective  
17           immediately following its passage and approval by the  
18           Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.