- 1 HB153
- 2 215892-2
- 3 By Representative McCampbell
- 4 RFD: Education Policy
- 5 First Read: 18-JAN-22

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	Relating to the Board of Trustees of The University
9	of West Alabama; to authorize the board to hold certain
10	meetings by telephone or video conference, or by similar means
11	under certain conditions.
12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
13	Section 1. Section 16-53-4, Code of Alabama, is
14	amended to read as follows:
15	"\$16-53-4.
16	"(a) The Board of Trustees of The University of West
17	Alabama shall hold its regular annual meeting each year at the
18	institution on the first Monday in June, unless the board
19	shall in regular session determine to hold its meeting at some
20	other time and place. Thereafter, the board shall hold
21	quarterly meetings on the first Monday of each third month
22	after the annual meeting, unless the board shall in regular
23	session determine to hold its quarterly meeting at some other
24	time or place. Special meetings of the board may be assembled
25	by either one of the two methods outlined as follows:
26	"(1) Special meetings of the board may be called by
27	the Governor. In calling such special meetings, the Governor

shall mail a written notice to each trustee at least 10 days in advance of the date of such meetings.

"(2) Upon the application in writing of any eight members of the board, the Governor shall call a special meeting, naming the time and place thereof and causing notices to be issued in writing to the several members of the board.

Such Special meetings shall not be held on a date less than 10 days subsequent to the notice from the Governor.

"(b) (1) Members of the board may participate in a meeting of the board or any committee of the board by telephone conference, video conference, or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting may hear each other at the same time. Participation by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting for all purposes. However, a majority of a quorum of the members of the board, or, in the event of a meeting of only the executive committee, a majority of a quorum of the executive committee of the board shall be physically present at the location noticed and called for the meeting in order to conduct any business or deliberation.

"(2) Members of the board and any committees of the board may not utilize electronic communications except as in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Except for emergency meetings, notice Notice of board meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and telephone or video conference or similar communications equipment shall also allow members of the public the

1	opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe the
2	meetings.
3	"(c) The executive committee of the board and other
4	committees of the board shall hold meetings at such times and
5	on such dates as the board of trustees may provide."
6	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
7	first day of the third month following its passage and
8	approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Education Policy
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 01-FEB-22
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended
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