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8 CREATING THE STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM FUNDING  
9 COMMITTEE.

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11 WHEREAS, in caring for patients who have sustained  
12 traumatic injury, the mortality rate is significantly improved  
13 if patients can receive definitive trauma care within one hour  
14 of injury; and

15 WHEREAS, to proactively establish a means by which  
16 patients who have sustained traumatic injury are transported  
17 to a hospital that has the resources necessary to provide care  
18 for the type of injury sustained, during the 2007 Regular  
19 Session of the Alabama Legislature the Alabama Statewide  
20 Trauma System was created by Act 2007-299; and

21 WHEREAS, since the Statewide Trauma System was  
22 established, hospitals, physicians, and first responders  
23 across the state are either already online and actively  
24 participating or are in the process of receiving trauma  
25 designation and education in order to participate in the  
26 coordinated system; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the significant resources needed to ensure appropriate medical equipment, personnel, and resources are available in order to expand and maintain an effective trauma system that has proven to save lives through the ability to direct patients to the most appropriate hospital within the shortest amount of time; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Statewide Trauma System Funding Committee is created. The committee shall be composed as follows: The Chair of the House Committee on Government Appropriations or his or her designee; the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation, General Fund, or his or her designee; one representative of the Office of the Governor, as appointed by the Governor; one representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health's Office of EMS and Trauma, as appointed by the State Health Officer; one representative of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, as appointed by the Director of same; two representatives of designated trauma hospitals, as appointed by the Alabama Hospital Association; and two representatives of the trauma/emergency physicians, as appointed by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. The membership of the committee shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban and rural, and economic diversity of the state. The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be elected at the first meeting by the members of the committee.

1       The committee shall study all facets of revenue measures to  
2       support the continuance and expansion of Alabama's Statewide  
3       Trauma System.

4               Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of the  
5       Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
6       provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the  
7       committee. The committee shall report its findings,  
8       conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature not later  
9       than the 10th legislative day of the 2011 Regular Session,  
10      whereupon the committee shall stand dissolved and discharged  
11     of any further duties and liabilities. Each member of the  
12    Legislature serving on the committee shall be entitled to his  
13    or her regular legislative compensation, his or her per diem,  
14    and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting  
15    of the committee. Upon requisitions signed by the chair of the  
16    committee, these payments shall be paid out of any funds  
17    appropriated to the use of the Legislature by means of  
18    warrants drawn on the State Treasury. Notwithstanding the  
19    foregoing, no member shall receive additional legislative  
20    compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session or  
21    if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates  
22    for attendance on other state business. The total expenditures  
23    of the committee shall not exceed \$5,000.