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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

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

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Statewide Trauma System
10 Funding Committee is created. The committee shall be composed
11 as follows: The Chair of the House Committee on Government
12 Appropriations or his or her designee; the Chair of the Senate
13 Committee on Finance and Taxation, General Fund, or his or her
14 designee; one representative of the Office of the Governor, as
15 appointed by the Governor; one representative of the Alabama
16 Department of Public Health's Office of EMS and Trauma, as
17 appointed by the State Health Officer; one representative of
18 the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, as
19 appointed by the Director of same; two representatives of
20 designated trauma hospitals, as appointed by the Alabama
21 Hospital Association; and two representatives of the
22 trauma/emergency physicians, as appointed by the Medical
23 Association of the State of Alabama. The membership of the
24 committee shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender,
25 geographic, urban and rural, and economic diversity of the
26 state. The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be
27 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.