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3 By Representative Johnson
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4 CREATING THE STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM FUNDING
5 COMMITTEE.
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7 WHEREAS, in caring for patients who have sustained
8 traumatic injury, the mortality rate is significantly improved
9 if patients can receive definitive trauma care within one hour
10 of injury; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the
24 significant resources needed to ensure appropriate medical
25 equipment, personnel, and resources are available in order to
26 expand and maintain an effective trauma system that has proven

1 to save lives through the ability to direct patients to the
2 most appropriate hospital within the shortest amount of time;
3 now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Statewide Trauma System
6 Funding Committee is created. The committee shall be composed
7 as follows: The Chair of the House Committee on Government
8 Appropriations or his or her designee; the Chair of the Senate
9 Committee on Finance and Taxation, General Fund, or his or her
10 designee; one representative of the Office of the Governor, as
11 appointed by the Governor; one representative of the Alabama
12 Department of Public Health's Office of EMS and Trauma, as
13 appointed by the State Health Officer; one representative of
14 the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, as
15 appointed by the Director of same; two representatives of
16 designated trauma hospitals, as appointed by the Alabama
17 Hospital Association; and two representatives of the
18 trauma/emergency physicians, as appointed by the Medical
19 Association of the State of Alabama. The membership of the
20 committee shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender,
21 geographic, urban and rural, and economic diversity of the
22 state. The committee shall report to the Legislature by the
23 second legislative day of the 2011 Regular Session the extent
24 to which the committee has complied with the diversity
25 provisions provided for in this resolution. The chair and vice
26 chair of the committee shall be elected at the first meeting

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

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