

1 HJR372  
2 118762-3  
3 By Representative Johnson  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 18-FEB-10

ENGROSSED

CREATING THE STATEWIDE TRAUMA SYSTEM FUNDING  
COMMITTEE.

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

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

WHEREAS, since the Statewide Trauma System was established, hospitals, physicians, and first responders across the state are either already online and actively participating or are in the process of receiving trauma designation and education in order to participate in the 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

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.

House of Representatives

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Adopted by Voice Vote

Greg Pappas  
Clerk