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8 CREATING THE ALABAMA JOB CREATION AND MILITARY
9 STABILITY COMMISSION.
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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That:

13 (a) There is created the Alabama Job Creation and
14 Military Stability Commission. Members of the commission shall
15 include a chair and two vice chairs. The chair shall be the
16 Lieutenant Governor and the vice chairs shall be the President
17 Pro Tempore of the Senate or his or her designee and the
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives or his or her
19 designee.

20 (b) The commission shall consist of the following
21 additional members:

22 (1) Two members of the House of Representatives
23 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 (2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
25 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

26 (3) The Adjutant General of the Alabama National
27 Guard.

1 (4) The Director of Homeland Security.

2 (5) The Director of the Alabama Development Office.

3 (6) One retired senior member of the Armed Forces
4 for each of the four major military facilities in Alabama,
5 Redstone Arsenal, Anniston Army Depot, Maxwell Air Force Base
6 including the Gunter Annex, and Fort Rucker, who shall be
7 appointed by the Governor, after consultation with the person
8 designated in paragraph (b)(7) as the civic leader from the
9 community which the senior member of the military will
10 represent.

11 (7) One civic leader with significant experience in
12 military relocations from each of the four communities
13 currently impacted the most by the presence of military
14 facilities and forces who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant
15 Governor after consultation with the existing organizations
16 described in subsection (g).

17 (c) The commission shall hold its organizational
18 meeting within 30 days after the effective date of this act.
19 Thereafter, the commission shall meet at the call of the chair
20 or a majority of the members thereof; provided, that the
21 commission shall meet at least once each four months.

22 (d) The commission may meet, act, and conduct its
23 business during the sessions of the Legislature or any recess
24 thereof and in the interim period between sessions.

25 (e) The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the
26 House of Representatives, the Legislative Reference Service,
27 the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Examiners of Public

1 Accounts shall provide assistance as requested by the
2 commission. Each legislative member of the commission and
3 supporting staff shall be entitled to his or her regular
4 legislative compensation, his or her per diem and travel
5 expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of the
6 commission which shall be paid out of any funds appropriated
7 for the use of the Legislature, upon warrants drawn on the
8 Comptroller upon requisition signed by the commission's chair;
9 provided, however, that members shall not receive additional
10 legislative compensation or per diem when the Legislature is
11 in session but they shall receive their travel expenses for
12 all meetings attended. Non-legislative members of the
13 commission shall receive per diem and travel expenses in the
14 same amount as state employees receive, which amounts shall be
15 paid out of funds appropriated by the Legislature for such
16 use.

17 (f) The commission shall attempt to proactively
18 insure the stability of Alabama assigned DOD resources by
19 study and evaluation of all currently assigned military forces
20 or civilian contractors, or both, and the move of these
21 resources within, to, or from the State of Alabama, including
22 the following items of evaluation:

23 (1) All Department of Defense forces, including
24 Alabama National Guard and Reserve units or forces.

25 (2) The economic impact that these resources have on
26 their local communities.

1 (3) Current policies and programs and services that
2 affect DOD resources.

3 (4) The impact these forces have on state and local
4 job creation.

5 (5) The impact on supporting businesses and industry
6 attracted by these resources.

7 (6) Necessary funding to aggressively persuade
8 decision makers to respect the impact of their action with
9 regard to movement of forces and mission assignment.

10 (g) The commission shall establish four advisory
11 groups, one for each of the four communities referenced in
12 this subsection, which shall be responsible for advising the
13 commission on military issues, activities, and events
14 impacting matters addressed in this legislation. The
15 membership shall consist of the local advocacy groups who
16 currently represent their communities to include the Tennessee
17 Valley BRAC Committee, the Friends of Fort Rucker, Montgomery
18 Chamber Military Support Council, and the Calhoun County
19 Chamber Military Affairs Council regarding this issue. These
20 groups may include active retired military members or local
21 community leaders who have had previous BRAC experience and
22 can obtain information, broaden the contact base within the
23 military structures, and provide effective advice and guidance
24 to the commission, or both. Local group leaders may be members
25 of the Lieutenant Governor's Commission as defined in
26 subsection (b).

1 (h) The commission shall not serve the purpose of
2 replacing or changing the role of already existing
3 organization, task force, or committee within a military
4 community that has the purpose of promoting military growth
5 including BRAC or BRAC-type actions.

6 (i) The membership of the commission shall be
7 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
8 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

9 (j) The commission shall make an annual report to
10 members of the Legislature no later than the seventh
11 legislative day of each regular session beginning in 2012
12 detailing any and all recommendations.

13 (k) The annual expenses of the commission shall not
14 exceed \$5,000.