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8 CREATING THE ALABAMA STORM SHELTER INCENTIVES STUDY
9 TASK FORCE.

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Alabama has determined
12 that it is in the best interest of the public and the citizens
13 of the State of Alabama to recommend state incentives for the
14 installation of approved storm shelters; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Storm Shelter
17 Incentives Study Task Force is hereby created to immediately
18 begin a thorough study of the benefits of storm shelters and
19 recommend state incentives for the installation of approved
20 storm shelters. The Task Force shall be composed of the
21 following members:

22 (1) Two persons appointed by the Governor.
23 (2) Two persons appointed by the Lieutenant
24 Governor.
25 (3) Two members of the Alabama Senate appointed by
26 the President Pro Tempore of the Alabama Senate.

(4) Two members of the Alabama House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) A representative of the Alabama Homebuilders Association.

(6) A representative of the Manufactured Housing Institute.

(7) A representative of the Alabama Association of Realtors.

(8) The membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

The task force may utilize any and all available expertise and resources of governmental, academic, financial, educational, or legal organizations or entities in conducting its business. The Governor shall set a date for the first meeting of the task force at which a chair and vice chair of the task force shall be elected by a majority vote from among the task force members. The vice chair shall serve as acting chair in the absence or incapacity of the chair.

The task force shall meet at times and locations as specified by a call of the chair or upon a vote of four or more task force members. The task force shall study all aspects of storm shelters particularly as they relate to the effectiveness of the storm shelters in reducing physical injury to the residents and citizens of this state who may be

1 in the path of storms and recommend state incentives for the
2 installation of approved storm shelters.

3 The task force shall report its findings,
4 conclusions, and recommendations concurrently to the House of
5 Representatives and the Senate, the Governor, and the
6 Jefferson County Commission on or before the fifth legislative
7 day of the 2013 Regular Session, whereupon the task force
8 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and
9 liabilities. Upon the request of the chair of the task force,
10 the Clerk of the House of Representatives and Secretary of the
11 Senate shall provide necessary clerical assistance for the
12 work of the task force. Each non-legislative member of the
13 task force shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in
14 attending meetings of the task force as authorized for state
15 officers in the service of the state as provided in Article 2,
16 commencing with Section 36-7-20, Chapter 7, Title 36, Code of
17 Alabama 1975. Upon requisitions signed by the chair or vice
18 chair of the task force, these payments shall be paid out of
19 any funds appropriated to the use of the House of
20 Representatives or Senate by means of warrants drawn by the
21 state Comptroller on the State Treasury.

22 Legislative members on the task force shall be
23 entitled to regular legislative compensation, per diem, and
24 travel expenses for each day in attendance at a meeting of the
25 task force, which shall be paid out of any funds appropriated
26 to the use of the Legislature, upon warrants drawn on the
27 state Comptroller upon requisitions signed by the chair of the

1 task force. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no legislative
2 member shall receive additional legislative compensation or
3 per diem on a regular or special legislative meeting day or
4 regular committee meeting day, or if a member is being paid
5 any other payments on the same dates for attendance on other
6 state business. The total expenditures of the Legislature for
7 task force business shall not exceed five thousand dollars
8 (\$5,000).