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8 AMENDING ACT 2011-350, SJR69 OF THE 2011 REGULAR
9 SESSION WHICH CREATED THE ALABAMA JOB CREATION AND MILITARY
10 STABILITY COMMISSION.
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12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Act 2011-350, SJR69 of the
14 2011 Regular Session, (Acts 2011, p. 636), is amended to read
15 as follows:

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

23 "(b) The commission shall consist of the following
24 additional members:

25 "(1) Two members of the House of Representatives
26 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 "(2) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

3 "(3) The Adjutant General of the Alabama National
4 Guard.

5 "(4) The Director of Homeland Security.

6 "(5) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

7 "(6) The Director of the Alabama Department of
8 Economic and Community Affairs.

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

17 "(8) One civic leader with significant experience in
18 military relocations from each of the four communities
19 currently impacted the most by the presence of military
20 facilities and forces who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant
21 Governor after consultation with the existing organizations
22 described in subsection (g).

23 "(c) The commission shall hold its organizational
24 meeting within 30 days after the effective date of this act.
25 Thereafter, the commission shall meet at the call of the chair
26 or a majority of the members thereof; provided, that the
27 commission shall meet at least once each four months.

1 "(d) The commission may adopt rules for its
2 governance, including, but not limited to, the terms of
3 commission members, the filling of vacancies, the election of
4 officers, the creation of committees including an executive
5 committee, and the execution of documents. Members of the
6 commission, the executive committee of the commission, or any
7 other committee established by the commission may participate
8 in a meeting of the commission or committee by means of
9 conference telephone, video conference, or similar
10 communications equipment by means of which all persons
11 participating in the meeting may hear each other at the same
12 time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in
13 person at a meeting for all purposes, including the
14 establishment of a quorum. Notice of such meetings must be
15 given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and
16 such telephone or video conference or similar communication
17 equipment shall also allow members of the public the
18 opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe such
19 meetings.

20 "(e) The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the
21 House of Representatives, the Legislative Reference Service,
22 the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Examiners of Public
23 Accounts shall provide assistance as requested by the
24 commission. Each legislative member of the commission and
25 supporting staff shall be entitled to his or her regular
26 legislative compensation, his or her per diem and travel
27 expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of the

1 commission which shall be paid out of any funds appropriated
2 for the use of the Legislature, upon warrants drawn on the
3 Comptroller upon requisition signed by the commission's chair;
4 provided, however, that members shall not receive additional
5 legislative compensation or per diem when the Legislature is
6 in session but they shall receive their travel expenses for
7 all meetings attended.

8 "(f) The commission shall attempt to proactively
9 ensure the stability of Alabama assigned DOD resources by
10 study and evaluation of all currently assigned military forces
11 or civilian contractors, or both, and the move of these
12 resources within, to, or from the State of Alabama, including
13 the following items of evaluation:

14 "(1) All Department of Defense forces, including
15 Alabama National Guard and Reserve units or forces.

16 "(2) The economic impact that these resources have
17 on their local communities.

18 "(3) Current policies and programs and services that
19 affect DOD resources.

20 "(4) The impact these forces have on state and local
21 job creation.

22 "(5) The impact on supporting businesses and
23 industry attracted by these resources.

24 "(6) Necessary funding to aggressively persuade
25 decision makers to respect the impact of their action with
26 regard to movement of forces and mission assignment.

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

18 "(h) The commission shall not serve the purpose of
19 replacing or changing the role of already existing
20 organization, task force, or committee within a military
21 community that has the purpose of promoting military growth
22 including BRAC or BRAC-type actions.

23 "(i) The membership of the commission shall be
24 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
25 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

26 "(j) The commission shall make an annual report to
27 members of the Legislature no later than the seventh

1 legislative day of each regular session beginning in 2012
2 detailing any and all recommendations.

3 "(k) The commission may accept gifts, contributions,
4 bequests, grants, and other donations, public or private, of
5 money, real property, or personal property and shall use or
6 expend the same in furtherance of the work of the commission.

7 "(l) The work of the commission shall be supported
8 by the Military Stability Foundation, an Alabama nonprofit
9 corporation incorporated on September 8, 2011, which shall not
10 be considered a governmental body. Documents produced by or
11 for such foundation shall not be considered public writings,
12 even if viewed by or delivered to the commission, as their
13 disclosure would be detrimental to the best interests of the
14 public."