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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Orr and Marsh  
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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.

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

"(e) The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Reference Service, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Examiners of Public Accounts shall provide assistance as requested by the commission. Each legislative member of the commission and supporting staff shall be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his or her per diem and travel 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.

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

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

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

"(j) The commission shall make an annual report to 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."