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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Orr and Marsh
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4 ENROLLED, SJR68,

5 AMENDING ACT 2011-350, SJR69 OF THE 2011 REGULAR
6 SESSION WHICH CREATED THE ALABAMA JOB CREATION AND MILITARY
7 STABILITY COMMISSION.

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9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Act 2011-350, SJR69 of the
11 2011 Regular Session, (Acts 2011, p. 636), is amended to read
12 as follows:

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.

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

3 "(4) The Director of Homeland Security.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 "(3) Current policies and programs and services that
21 affect DOD resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 "(j) The commission shall make an annual report to
5 members of the Legislature no later than the seventh
6 legislative day of each regular session beginning in 2012
7 detailing any and all recommendations.

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Secretary

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House of Representatives

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