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6 CREATING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION COMMITTEE.
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8 WHEREAS, the Alabama Constitution establishes the
9 Legislature as a separate department of the state government
10 vested with the legislative power of the State of Alabama; and

11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Constitution further enumerates
12 the duties and responsibilities of the Legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislative Council, in conjunction
14 with the Alabama Law Institute, has hosted a Legislative
15 Orientation Program prior to the beginning of each quadrennium
16 since 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, it is incumbent that each member of the
18 Legislature be provided with the necessary training to enable
19 each member to provide the best representation for the
20 citizenry of the State of Alabama; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint
23 Legislative Orientation Committee.

24 (a) The committee shall be composed of the following
25 members:

26 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

27 (2) The current President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

1 (3) The President of the Alabama Law Institute, who
2 shall also serve as chair.

3 (4) The Secretary of the Senate.

4 (5) The Clerk of the House of Representatives.

5 (b) The Legislative Reference Service, Legislative
6 Fiscal Office, Examiners of Public Accounts, and the Alabama
7 Law Institute shall serve as staff for the committee and
8 assist with the implementation of the Orientation as directed
9 by the committee.

10 (c) A Legislative Orientation shall be held in the
11 State House in Montgomery, Alabama, after the general election
12 in November 2014, and prior to the second Tuesday in January
13 2015.

14 (d) The goals of the Orientation are to:

15 (1) Provide training in the legislative process.

16 (2) Provide training in the bill drafting process.

17 (3) Provide training in parliamentary procedure.

18 (4) Provide current information on the economic
19 status of the State of Alabama.

20 (5) Provide training in the State budgeting process.

21 (6) Provide training on the Alabama Constitution and
22 the Code of Alabama.

23 (7) Provide information on significant issues as
24 identified by the committee.

25 (e) The committee shall be charged with the
26 following duties and responsibilities:

27 (1) Setting the date of the Orientation.

1 (2) Planning the agenda and selecting the speakers
2 for the Orientation.

3 (3) Developing and overseeing the budget for the
4 Orientation.

5 Each legislative member of the committee shall be
6 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per
7 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
8 meeting of the committee in accordance with existing law
9 through the 2014 General Election. Beginning with the terms of
10 office commencing immediately after the 2014 General Election,
11 each legislative member shall be entitled to the compensation
12 and reimbursement provided pursuant to Amendment 871 of the
13 Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be paid
14 out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
15 means of warrants drawn by the state Comptroller on the State
16 Treasury.

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