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3 By Senator Ward
4 RFD: Rules
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4 ENROLLED, SJR53,

5 CREATING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE ORIENTATION COMMITTEE.

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7 WHEREAS, the Alabama Constitution establishes the
8 Legislature as a separate department of the state government
9 vested with the legislative power of the State of Alabama; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (4) The Secretary of the Senate.

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

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

11 (c) A Legislative Orientation shall be held in the
12 State House in Montgomery, Alabama, after the general election
13 in November 2014, and prior to the second Tuesday in January
14 2015.

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

16 (1) Provide training in the legislative process.

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

18 (3) Provide training in parliamentary procedure.

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

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

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

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

1 (e) The committee shall be charged with the
2 following duties and responsibilities:

3 (1) Setting the date of the Orientation.

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

6 (3) Developing and overseeing the budget for the
7 Orientation.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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