

1 SJR18

2 173488-1

3 By Senators Marsh, Scofield, Brewbaker, Melson, Stutts,  
4 Blackwell, Hightower, Albritton, Coleman-Madison, Beasley,  
5 Glover, Williams, Allen, McClendon, Bussman, Chambliss, Dial,  
6 Dunn, Figures, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston, Orr, Pittman,  
7 Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith,  
8 Smitherman, Waggoner, Ward and Whatley

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 11-FEB-16

2

3

4

5

6

7

8 ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL  
9 SAFETY AND SECURITY.

10

11 WHEREAS, with recent shootings at many schools,  
12 colleges, and universities around the nation, the threat of  
13 violence at our public schools, colleges, and universities in  
14 the State of Alabama is an issue that deserves significant  
15 attention and review; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility  
17 to make sure that our schools across the state are as safe,  
18 secure, and protected as possible; and

19 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the state's  
20 current educational and safety laws, regulations, and policies  
21 will help the Legislature make equitable, meaningful, and  
22 effective changes for the well-being of our citizens; now  
23 therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Emergency  
26 Task Force on School Safety and Security.

(a) The membership of the task force shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state. The membership of the task force shall consist of all of the following:

(1) A teacher appointed by the Governor.

(2) The Superintendent of the Alabama Department of Education, or his or her designee.

(3) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, or his or her designee.

(4) The president of a four-year university

appointed by the Alabama Council of College and University Presidents.

(5) The president of a two-year college appointed by the Alabama Council of College and University Presidents.

(6) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

(7) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, or his or her designee.

(8) The Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, or his or her designee.

(9) The Secretary of Information Technology, or his or her designee.

(10) A local education superintendent appointed by the School Superintendents Association of Alabama.

(11) A member of a local school board appointed by the Alabama School Boards Association

(12) A certified school resource officer appointed by the Alabama Association of School Resource Officers.

(13) A licensed school counselor appointed by the Alabama School Counselor Association.

(14) A sheriff appointed by the Alabama Sheriffs Association.

(15) A police chief appointed by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police.

(16) A local emergency management director appointed by the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers.

(17) The Chair of the House Education Policy Committee.

(18) The Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

(19) An attorney specializing in education law appointed by the Alabama Law Institute.

(20) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee.

(21) An active law enforcement officer with experience in active shooter and other emergency situations appointed by the Alabama Tactical Officers Association.

(b) The task force shall have all of the following duties:

(1) Complete a comprehensive review and assessment of state laws, regulations, protocols, and minimum standards in place concerning school safety and security.

(2) Identify gaps in school safety and security that need to be addressed.

(3) Submit recommendations for immediate, achievable legislative actions to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the appropriate legislative committees to ensure that public schools across the State of Alabama are as safe, secure, and protected as possible.

(c) (1) Appointments to the task force shall be made within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

(2) The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than August 1, 2016, with the date, time, and location of the meeting designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the task force, and shall set dates, times, and locations of subsequent meetings.

(d) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall provide the necessary staff and support to the task force to perform its duties.

(e) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the task force according to the policies and procedures of their respective appointing authority.

(f) The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations in writing by December 31, 2016, at which time the task force shall be dissolved.

1 (g) A copy of this resolution shall be sent to all  
2 appointing authorities of the task force.