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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL
4 SAFETY AND SECURITY.
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6 WHEREAS, with recent shootings at many schools,
7 colleges, and universities around the nation, the threat of
8 violence at our public schools, colleges, and universities in
9 the State of Alabama is an issue that deserves significant
10 attention and review; and

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

14 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the state's
15 current educational and safety laws, regulations, and policies
16 will help the Legislature make equitable, meaningful, and
17 effective changes for the well-being of our citizens; now
18 therefore,

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

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

1 (1) A teacher appointed by the Governor.

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

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

6 (4) The president of a four-year university
7 appointed by the Alabama Council of College and University
8 Presidents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (18) The Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 09-FEB-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

03-MAR-16

Adopted