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8 ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON  
9 HIGHWAY SAFETY.

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11 WHEREAS, preventable highway accidents that involve  
12 injury and death in the State of Alabama are an issue that  
13 deserves significant attention and review; and

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15 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility  
16 to make sure that highways across the state are as safe,  
17 secure, and protected as possible and that the drivers using  
18 the highways are alert, attentive, and driving with  
appropriate care and caution; and

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20 WHEREAS, appropriate measures may exist that can  
21 reduce highway dangers relating to inattentive driving,  
22 distracted driving, speeding, aggressive driving,  
23 inexperienced youth drivers, elderly drivers, driving while  
24 under the influence of a legal or illegal substance, and other  
preventable causes; and

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26 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the state's  
27 current highway safety laws, regulations, and policies will  
help the Legislature make equitable, meaningful, and effective

1 changes for the well-being of those persons travelling Alabama  
2 highways; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint  
5 Legislative Task Force on Highway Safety.

6 (a) The membership of the Joint Legislative Task  
7 Force on Highway Safety shall be inclusive and reflect the  
8 racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic  
9 diversity of the state.

10 (b) The membership of the task force shall consist  
11 of the following:

12 (1) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the  
13 House of Representatives.

14 (2) Two members appointed by the President Pro  
15 Tempore of the Senate.

16 (3) One member appointed by the Alabama State Law  
17 Enforcement Agency.

18 (4) One member appointed by the Alabama Sheriff's  
19 Association.

20 (5) One member appointed by the Alabama Association  
21 of Police Chiefs.

22 (6) One member appointed by the Office of  
23 Prosecution Services.

24 (7) One member appointed by the Administrative  
25 Office of Courts.

26 (8) One member appointed by the State Superintendent  
27 of Education.

(9) One member appointed by the Business Council of Alabama.

(10) One member appointed by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

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

(1) Perform a complete and comprehensive review and assessment of state laws and regulations regarding safety on Alabama highways to include consideration of the following:

a. Impaired driving related to alcohol, substance abuse, drowsiness, and other causes.

b. Speeding and aggressive driving.

c. Distracted or inattentive driving related to  
s within the vehicle such as texting or use of  
c devices.

d. Road rage.

e. Motorcycle traffic flow.

f. Young, inexperienced drivers.

#### g. Elderly drivers.

(2) Identify safety issues, gaps in safety, and problem areas through systematic data collection and analysis.

(3) Identify major strategies and science-based traffic safety countermeasures to address major highway safety problem areas.

(4) Identify innovative programs and strategies in other states that have proven to be effective or have shown promise to enhance highway safety.

(5) 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 highways across the State of Alabama are as safe, secure, and protected as possible.

(d) (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, 2017, 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.

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

(f) 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 to the Legislature no later than the fifth Legislative day of the 2018 Regular Session, 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.