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3 By Representative Weaver
4 RFD: Rules
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 CREATING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATEWIDE TRAUMA
4 SYSTEM FUNDING.
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6 WHEREAS, in caring for patients who have sustained
7 traumatic injury, the mortality rate is significantly improved
8 if patients can receive definitive trauma care within one hour
9 of the injury; and

10 WHEREAS, to proactively establish a means by which
11 patients who have sustained traumatic injury are transported
12 to a hospital that has the resources necessary to provide care
13 for the type of injury sustained, Act 2007-299 of the 2007
14 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature created the Alabama
15 Statewide Trauma System; and

16 WHEREAS, since the Statewide Trauma System was
17 established, hospitals, physicians, and first responders
18 across the state have participated in the coordinated system;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the
21 significant resources needed to ensure that appropriate
22 medical equipment, personnel, and resources are available to
23 expand and maintain an effective trauma system that is proven
24 to save lives through the ability to direct patients to the

1 most appropriate hospital within the shortest amount of time;
2 now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Statewide Trauma System
5 Funding Committee is created.

6 (a) The committee shall be composed of the following
7 members:

8 (1) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General
9 Fund Committee, or his or her designee.

10 (2) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
11 General Fund Committee, or his or her designee.

12 (3) One representative of the office of the
13 Governor, as appointed by the Governor.

14 (4) Two representatives of the Alabama Office of
15 Emergency Medical Services, as appointed by the State Health
16 Officer.

17 (5) One representative of the Alabama Department of
18 Economic and Community Affairs, as appointed by the director.

19 (6) Two representatives of designated trauma
20 hospitals, as appointed by the Alabama Hospital Association.

21 (7) Two trauma surgeons and one emergency physician,
22 as appointed by the Medical Association of the State of
23 Alabama.

1 (b) All appointing authorities shall coordinate
2 their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and
3 geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

4 (c) The chair and vice chair of the committee shall
5 be elected by the members of the committee at the first
6 meeting.

7 (d) The committee shall study all facets of revenue
8 measures to support the continuance and expansion of the
9 Alabama Statewide Trauma System.

10 (e) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of
11 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
12 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the
13 committee.

14 (f) The committee shall report its findings,
15 conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature not later
16 than the 10th legislative day of the 2021 Regular Session,
17 whereupon the committee shall stand dissolved and discharged
18 of any further duties and liabilities.

19 (g) Legislative members of the committee shall be
20 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per
21 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
22 meeting of the committee in accordance with Amendment 871 of
23 the Constitution of Alabama 1901.

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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 08-MAY-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

15-MAY-19

Adopted