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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;  
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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 08-MAY-19.

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Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

15-MAY-19

Adopted