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4 ENROLLED, SJR56,

5 CREATING THE STUDY COMMISSION ON FINANCIAL  
6 OBLIGATIONS IN PRETRIAL SERVICES AND ALTERNATIVE COURTS.

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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
9 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Study Commission on  
10 Financial Obligations in Pretrial Services and Alternative  
11 Courts is established.

12 (a) The purpose of this study commission shall be to  
13 study and ascertain all costs associated with participation in  
14 pretrial programs and alternative courts that program and  
15 court participants are expected to pay including, but not  
16 limited to, application fees, up-front costs for  
17 participation, monthly fees, drug testing fees, fees to access  
18 services and programs not directly supplied by the supervising  
19 entity or courts, and electronic monitoring. The study  
20 commission should prioritize ascertaining the financial  
21 obligations for participants who are charged with felonies and  
22 are accessing pretrial services or alternative courts.

23 (b) The study commission shall be composed of the  
24 following members:

1           (1) The Executive Director of the Alabama Sentencing  
2 Commission, or his or her designee, who shall serve as the  
3 chair of the study commission.

4           (2) Two members of the House of Representatives,  
5 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
6 one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the  
7 House Minority Leader.

8           (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the  
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one member of the  
10 Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

11          (4) A circuit judge, appointed by the President of  
12 the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges.

13          (5) A circuit judge, appointed by the Alabama  
14 Supreme Court.

15          (6) A district attorney, appointed by the Alabama  
16 District Attorneys Association.

17          (7) The Executive Director of the Alabama Office of  
18 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

19          (8) A practicing attorney, appointed by the Alabama  
20 Bar Association.

21          (9) A representative of a legal research  
22 organization, appointed by the President of the Alabama  
23 Association of Circuit Judges.

1           (10) A representative of a legal research  
2 organization, appointed by the Executive Director of the  
3 Alabama Prosecution Services.

4           (11) A representative appointed by the Association  
5 of County Commissions of Alabama.

6           (12) The Director of the Alabama Commission on the  
7 Evaluation of Services, or his or her designee.

8           (c) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
9 their appointments to assure the study commission is inclusive  
10 and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and  
11 economic diversity of the state.

12           (d) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his  
13 or her appointing authority. A vacancy in the membership shall  
14 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

15           (e) Members of the study commission shall serve  
16 without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses in  
17 the following manner:

18           (1) The legislative members of the study commission  
19 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem,  
20 and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the  
21 study commission, in accordance with Amendment 871 of the  
22 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
23 49.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
24 1901, as amended.

1           (2) Non-legislative members of the study commission  
2 may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings  
3 of the commission according to the policies and procedures of  
4 their respective appointing authority.

5           (f) A majority of the members of the study  
6 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
7 all business at a regular or special meeting.

8           (g) The Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of  
9 Services may provide assistance to the study commission in the  
10 fulfillment of the purpose of the study commission and the  
11 study commission may provide assistance to the Alabama  
12 Commission on the Evaluation of Services with any evaluation  
13 of pretrial services or alternative court programs it conducts  
14 while the study commission is operational.

15           (h) The study commission shall hold its first  
16 meeting no later than September 1, 2022. Each appointment made  
17 shall be indicated to the chair of the study commission no  
18 later than the first day of the third month following the  
19 passage of this resolution.

20           (i) The study commission shall submit a report of  
21 its findings, compiling all financial obligations borne by  
22 participants and recommendations for Legislative action, to  
23 the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House  
24 of Representatives on or before the first day of the 2023

1 Regular Legislative Session, at which time the study  
2 commission shall be dissolved.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Singleton