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By Representative Reynolds

RFD: RULES

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AMENDING AND REENACTING ACT 2023-383, HJR204, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH CREATED THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON ALABAMA OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Act 2023-383, HJR204, 2023 Regular Session, created the 16 member Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds to develop a statewide plan for the investment and use of opioid settlement funds and review the expenditure thereof. That resolution is amended and reenacted to increase the membership of the commission to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has reached settlement agreements with several parties that will provide millions of dollars to the state for an undetermined period of years for the abatement of the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that priorities for the investment of opioid settlement funds should include programs and services with evidence-based results in the treatment and prevention of opioid use and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that judicious investment of the opioid settlement funds on behalf of Alabama taxpayers and those impacted by the opioid crisis is critical and requires a collaborative effort between the Legislature, the Executive Branch, experts, and

stakeholders; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds to develop a statewide plan for the investment and use of opioid settlement funds and review the expenditure of funds appropriated to agencies and entities to ensure expenditures achieve the best results for Alabama's opioid crisis.

(a) The membership of the commission shall consist of all of the following:

(1) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, or his or her designee.

(2) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or his or her designee.

(3) The Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her designee.

(4) The State Health Officer, or his or her designee.

(5) The Director of Finance, or his or her designee.

(6) An expert in programs and services for opioid treatment and abatement, appointed by the Attorney General.

(7) Two experts in programs and services for opioid treatment and abatement, appointed by the Governor.

(8) An expert in programs and services for opioid treatment and abatement, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(9) An expert in programs and services for opioid treatment and abatement for veterans, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(10) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or his or her designee.

(11) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his or her designee.

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

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

(14) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

(16) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, or his or her designee.

(17) The Minority Leader of the Senate, or his or her designee.

(b) Appointments made pursuant to Act 2023-383, shall continue to be effective until any subsequent appointments are made by the appointing authority. Subsequent or additional appointments made pursuant to this resolution shall be made within 30 days following passage of this resolution.

(c) The Oversight Commission on Alabama Opioid Settlement Funds shall be inclusive and reflect the racial,

gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(d) The Chair of the House Ways and Means-General Fund Committee shall serve as chair of the commission. The commission shall meet as soon as practical at a time and place set by the chair. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair following the initial meeting and as investment plans are presented for review but not less than semiannually. Meetings shall be governed in the same manner as the Legislature for all purposes, including notice.

(e) The legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the commission in accordance with Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

(f) Other members of the commission may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the commission according to policies and procedures of their respective appointing authorities.

(g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member's service on the commission, and a copy of its findings and other documents produced throughout the duration of the commission.

(h) The amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000) shall be the total amount that may be expended by the commission in any one year.

(i) The commission shall continue in existence until all opioid settlement funds have been appropriated and expended, at which time the commission shall stand dissolved.

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 passed by the House 20-Feb-24.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate **04-Apr-24** Adopted