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4 SJR\_\_\_\_ ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA STATEWIDE REENTRY TASK  
5 FORCE.

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7 WHEREAS, Act 2021-478 of the 2021 Regular Session  
8 created the Study Commission on Interagency Cooperation and  
9 Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of  
10 Formerly Incarcerated Individuals, also known as Reentry  
11 Alabama; and

12 WHEREAS, Reentry Alabama was extended into the 2025  
13 fiscal year to continue its pressing work to find  
14 efficiencies and best practices in statewide reentry  
15 systems; and

16 WHEREAS, the members of Reentry Alabama have been  
17 successful in researching and implementing strategies to  
18 decrease Alabama's recidivism rate, which is a key factor in  
19 fighting crime; and

20 WHEREAS, the commission's work will continue serving  
21 a critical role in the future of public safety in the State  
22 of Alabama; and

23 WHEREAS, transitioning the Study Commission on  
24 Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the  
25 Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated  
26 Individuals into a statewide task force, known as the  
27 Alabama Statewide Reentry Task Force, will ensure further  
28 cooperation among state agencies and stakeholders to reach

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29 the state's goal of cutting recidivism in half by 2030; now  
30 therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
32 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama  
33 Statewide Reentry Task Force to build upon the work of the  
34 Reentry Alabama Commission as aligned with the mission of  
35 Alabama's Reentry 2030 Initiative, continuing the work  
36 toward reducing recidivism and ensuring efficient and  
37 cost-effective state operations.

38 (a) The membership of the task force shall consist of  
39 all of the following:

40 (1) One member of the House of Representatives,  
41 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

42 (2) One member of the House of Representatives,  
43 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
44 Representatives.

45 (3) One member of the Senate, appointed by the  
46 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

47 (4) One member of the Senate, appointed by the  
48 Minority Leader of the Senate.

49 (5) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or  
50 her designee.

51 (6) The Commissioner of the Department of  
52 Corrections, or his or her designee.

53 (7) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental  
54 Health, or his or her designee.

55 (8) The Commissioner of the Department of Human  
56 Resources, or his or her designee.



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57 (9) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency,  
58 or his or her designee.

59 (10) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College  
60 System, or his or her designee.

63 (12) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law  
64 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee

65 (13) The Secretary of the Department of Workforce, or  
66 his or her designee

67 (14) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
68 Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee

69 (15) The Executive Director of the Office of  
70 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee

73 (17) One member representing city or county  
74 governments appointed by the chair

75 (18) One member representing nonprofit agencies that  
76 provide services to people returning home from  
77 incarceration, appointed by the chair.

78 (19) One member who has experience living within the  
79 criminal justice system, appointed by the chair



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84 (c) The task force shall build upon and continue the  
85 work of the Reentry Alabama Commission and work toward  
86 reducing recidivism and ensuring efficient and  
87 cost-effective state operations, with particular attention  
88 to the following duties:

89 (1) Developing and presenting a strategic plan to  
90 make communities safer by reducing recidivism and  
91 victimization and assisting individuals who return from  
92 prison to become productive citizens and lowering the direct  
93 and collateral costs of incarceration.

94 (2) Identifying, implementing, and promoting  
95 evidence-based research, policies, strategies, and  
96 programming to support successful reentry and reintegration.

97 (3) Promoting partnerships and collaboration among  
98 state agencies and with local governments and organizations  
99 to effectively and cost-efficiently advance reentry and  
100 eliminate duplication of services.

(4) Developing strategies to expand access to educational programs and support programs upon reentry.

103 (5) Developing strategies to assure access to health  
104 care coverage and behavioral health services upon reentry.

105 (6) Identifying and addressing unwarranted barriers  
106 to successful reentry.

107 (7) Pursuing partnerships with employers, agencies,  
108 and business leaders to create a pipeline for job placement  
109 that strengthens the state's workforce participation rate.

110 (8) Advising the Legislature and the Governor on  
111 issues relating to reentry and reintegration of offenders.

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112 (9) Creating and consulting with advisory groups or  
113 working groups comprised of nonmembers.

114 (10) Producing an annual progress report by December  
115 1 each year on progress toward the strategic plan. The  
116 annual progress report may contain additional objectives,  
117 strategies, and recommendations to improve reentry.

118 (d) (1) The Director of Pardons and Paroles shall  
119 serve as the chair of the task force. The first meeting of  
120 the task force shall be held at the call of the chair no  
121 later than 30 days after enactment of this resolution. The  
122 task force may then meet at least quarterly to track  
123 progress and conduct business, with the date, time, and  
124 location of the meeting to be designated by the chair or his  
125 or her designee.

126 (2) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the  
127 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate  
128 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the  
129 work of the task force as necessary.

130 (e) (1) The legislative members of the task force  
131 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per  
132 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting  
133 of the task force in accordance with Section 49 of the  
134 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

135 (2) The nonlegislative members of the task force  
136 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for  
137 necessary expenses in attending meetings of the task force  
138 pursuant to the policies of their respective appointing  
139 authorities.



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140 (f) Expenses incurred by the task force before or  
141 after the enactment of this resolution shall be paid from  
142 funds appropriated to the Legislature, not to exceed a total  
143 of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

144 (g) The task force shall prepare and submit a report  
145 of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for  
146 proposed legislation to the Legislature not later than the  
147 tenth legislative day of the 2030 Regular Session, at which  
148 point the task force shall stand dissolved and discharged of  
149 any further duties and liabilities.

150 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
151 1975, the task force shall provide notice of all meetings,  
152 the name of each member serving on the task force, and a  
153 copy of its final report and any other documents produced by  
154 the task force throughout its duration to the Secretary of  
155 State.