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- 2 By Senator Orr
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| 4 | SYNOPSIS: |
| 5 | This bill would require the State Ethics |
| 6 | Commission, before referring a case for prosecution of |
| 7 | an alleged ethics or campaign finance violation or |
| 8 | before resolving a violation administratively, to |
| 9 | provide the person who allegedly violated the law with |
| 10 | exculpatory evidence in the possession of the |
| 11 | commission. |
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| 14 | A BILL |
| 15 | TO BE ENTITLED |
| 16 | AN ACT |
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| 18 | Relating to the State Ethics Commission; to require the |
| 19 | commission to provide an alleged violator with exculpatory |
| 20 | evidence. |
| 21 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: |
| 22 | Section 1. Before the State Ethics Commission may refer |
| 23 | a case to the Attorney General or a district attorney pursuant |
| 24 | to Section 36-25-4(i), Code of Alabama 1975, for a violation |
| 25 | of Chapter 25 of Title 36 or Chapter 5A of Title 17, Code of |
| 26 | Alabama 1975, or issue an order for administrative resolution |
| 27 | of an alleged violation of Chapter 25 of Title 36 or Chapter |
| 28 | 5A of Title 17, Code of Alabama 1975, whether by issuing an |

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order or levying a fee or penalty, the State Ethics Commission shall provide to the person alleged to have violated the law any fact, statement, document, or other exculpatory evidence that supports the innocence of the person or that may exonerate or tends to exonerate the person which the state ethics commission has in its possession.

35 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first 36 day of the third month following its passage and approval by 37 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.