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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
7	AN ACT
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9	Relating to the State Board of Genetic Counseling; to
10	amend Sections 34-13A-3 and 34-13A-10, Code of Alabama 1975,
11	to authorize the board to conduct regular meetings by
12	electronic means; and to authorize the board to make grants to
13	develop training and continuing education programs for genetic
14	counselors.
15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
16	Section 1. Sections 34-13A-3 and 34-13A-10 of the Code
17	of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:
18	"§34-13A-3
19	(a) The State Board of Genetic Counseling is created to
20	implement and administer this chapter.
21	(b) The membership of the board shall consist of all of
22	the following:
23	(1) One individual appointed by the Department of
24	Genetics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
25	(2) Four individuals who practice genetic counseling in
26	Alabama and who hold a master's degree or doctoral degree in
27	genetic counseling from an ACGC or ABMGG accredited training
28	program, or an equivalent program approved by the ACGC or the

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29 ABMGG, appointed by the Governor.

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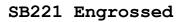
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- 30 (3) One physician appointed by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.
- 32 (4) One physician appointed by the State Board of 33 Medical Examiners.
- 34 (5) One physician who specializes in pediatric genetics 35 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.
- 36 (6) One physician appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 38 (c) Board members appointed by the Governor shall serve 39 for terms of two years and, upon the expiration of a term, may 40 continue to serve until replaced or reappointed. All other 41 board members shall serve until they are replaced by their 42 respective appointing authority.
- 43 (d) The board shall annually elect from its membership 44 a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary.
  - (e) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that diversity of to assure the board membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the makeup geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of this state.
  - (f) Unless acting unreasonably or in bad faith, no member of the board shall be civilly liable for acting within the scope of his or her duties as a board member.
  - (g) Members of the board shall serve without compensation but, to the extent funds are available, may receive the same per diem and travel allowance as state employees.

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57	(h)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), members
58	of the board may participate in a regular meeting of the board
59	by means of telephone conference, video conference, or similar
60	communications equipment pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings
61	Act.
62	(2) Members of the board may only participate in a
63	meeting of the board relating to a disciplinary action in
64	person."
65	"§34-13A-10
66	There is established in the State Treasury a separate
67	special revenue trust fund known as the Genetic Counseling
68	Fund. All receipts collected by the board pursuant to this
69	chapter shall be deposited into the fund and shall be used
70	only to implement this chapter. The receipts shall be
71	disbursed only by warrant of the Comptroller upon the State
72	Treasury, upon itemized vouchers approved by the executive
73	director, or the board if no executive director is employed.
74	The board may make grants, and otherwise arrange with
75	qualified individuals, institutions, or agencies to develop
76	and promote genetic counseling programs and continuing
77	education programs for licensees. No funds may be withdrawn or
78	expended except as budgeted and allotted according to Sections
79	41-4-80 to 41-4-96, inclusive, and Sections 41-19-1 to
80	41-19-12, inclusive, and only in amounts as stipulated in the
81	general appropriations bill or other appropriations bills."
82	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
83	day of the third month following its passage and approval by
84	the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.





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