SB162 ENROLLED



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- 3 By Senator Barfoot
- 4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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- 4 Relating to the Study Commission on Interagency
- 5 Cooperation and Collaboration on the Rehabilitation and
- 6 Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals; to amend
- 7 Section 3 of Act 2021-478, 2021 Regular Session, as amended by
- 8 Act 2022-409 of the 2022 Regular Session, to extend the
- 9 dissolution date of the study commission, to add additional
- 10 members to the commission; to provide for retroactive effect,
- 11 and to provide for expenses.
- 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- 13 Section 1. Section 3 of Act 2021-478 of the 2021
- 14 Regular Session, as amended by Act 2022-409 of the 2022
- 15 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 "Section 3. (a) There is established a Study Commission
- 17 on Interagency Cooperation and Collaboration on the
- 18 Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated
- 19 Individuals, which shall consist of all of the following:
- 20 (1) One member of the House of Representatives,
- 21 appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- 22 (2) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
- 23 President Pro Tempore.
- 24 (3) One member of the House of Representatives,
- 25 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
- 26 Representatives.
- 27 (4) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority
- 28 Leader of the Senate.



- 29 (5) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her 30 designee.
- 31 (6) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections,
- 32 or his or her designee.
- 33 (7) The Commissioner of the Department of Mental
- 34 Health, or his or her designee.
- 35 (8) The Commissioner of the Department of Human
- Resources, or his or her designee.
- 37 (9) The Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency, or
- 38 his or her designee.
- 39 (10) The Director of the Alabama Community College
- 40 System, or his or her designee.
- 41 (11) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law Enforcement
- 42 Agency, or his or her designee.
- 43 (12) The Secretary of the Department of Labor, or his
- 44 or her designee.
- 45 (13) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
- 46 Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee.
- 47 (14) The Executive Director of the Office of
- 48 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.
- 49 (15) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama
- 50 District Attorneys Association.
- 51 (16) Two at-large members appointed by the chair.
- 52 (b) The Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her
- designee, shall serve as the chair of the commission. A vice
- 54 chair shall be designated by a majority vote of the quorum of
- 55 the membership at its first meeting. A quorum shall consist of
- a majority of the membership.



- (c) The membership of the commission shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic—areas, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.
- 60 (d) The commission shall have all of the following 61 duties:

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- (1) Develop and present a strategic plan to make communities safer by reducing recidivism and victimization and assist individuals who return from prison to become productive citizens and save taxpayer dollars by lowering the direct and collateral costs of incarceration.
- (2) Identify, implement, and promote evidence-based research, policies, strategies, and programming to support successful reentry and reintegration.
- 70 (3) Promote partnerships and collaboration among state
 71 agencies and with local governments and organizations to
 72 effectively and cost-efficiently advance reentry and
 73 reintegration efforts and eliminate duplication of services.
- 74 (4) Develop strategies to expand access to educational programs and support programs upon reentry.
 - (5) Develop strategies to assure access to health care coverage and behavioral health services upon reentry.
- 78 (6) Identify and address unwarranted barriers to successful reentry.
- 80 (7) Pursue partnerships with employers, agencies, and
 81 business leaders to create a pipeline for job placement that
 82 strengthens the state's workforce participation rate.
- 83 (e)(1) The commission shall hold its first meeting no 84 later than June 1, 2021, with the date, time, and location of



- the meeting to be designated by the Director of Pardons and Paroles, or his or her designee.
- 87 (2) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect a
 88 vice chair, elect other officers as determined by the
 89 commission, and set dates, times, and locations of subsequent
 90 meetings.
- 91 (3) The commission shall meet at least monthly and
 92 shall report its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to
 93 the Legislature no later than the <u>fifth_tenth_legislative</u> day
 94 of the <u>2023_2025</u> Regular Session, whereupon the commission
 95 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and
 96 liabilities.
- 97 (f) The House of Representatives and the Senate shall 98 provide the necessary staff and support to the commission to 99 perform its duties.

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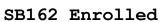
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- (g) Expenses incurred by the commission before or after the effective date of the act adding this subsection shall be paid from funds appropriated to the Legislature, not to exceed a total of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
 - (h) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the commission according to policies and procedures of their respective appointing authority or employing agency.
- 109 (i) Legislative members of the commission shall be
 110 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
 111 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
 112 commission, in accordance with Amendment 871 Section 49 of the





113	Constitution of Alabama of 19012022."
114	Section 2. This act is curative and retroactive to the
115	fifth legislative day of the $\frac{2022}{2024}$ Regular Session.
116	Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately



President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SB162 Senate 19-Mar-24 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Amended and passed: 07-May-24 Senate concurred in House amendment 07-May-24 154 By: Senator Barfoot