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8                   CREATING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATEWIDE TRAUMA  
9 SYSTEM FUNDING.

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11                   WHEREAS, in caring for patients who have sustained  
12 traumatic injury, the mortality rate is significantly improved  
13 if patients can receive definitive trauma care within one hour  
14 of the injury; and

15                   WHEREAS, to proactively establish a means by which  
16 patients who have sustained traumatic injury are transported  
17 to a hospital that has the resources necessary to provide care  
18 for the type of injury sustained, Act 2007-299 of the 2007  
19 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature created the Alabama  
20 Statewide Trauma System; and

21                   WHEREAS, since the Statewide Trauma System was  
22 established, hospitals, physicians, and first responders  
23 across the state have participated in the coordinated system;  
24 and

25                   WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the  
26 significant resources needed to ensure that appropriate  
27 medical equipment, personnel, and resources are available to

1 expand and maintain an effective trauma system that is proven  
2 to save lives through the ability to direct patients to the  
3 most appropriate hospital within the shortest amount of time;  
4 now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Statewide Trauma System  
7 Funding Committee is created.

8 (a) The committee shall be composed of the following  
9 members:

10 (1) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General  
11 Fund Committee, or his or her designee.

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

14 (3) One representative of the office of the  
15 Governor, as appointed by the Governor.

16 (4) Two representatives of the Alabama Office of  
17 Emergency Medical Services, as appointed by the State Health  
18 Officer.

19 (5) One representative of the Alabama Department of  
20 Economic and Community Affairs, as appointed by the director.

21 (6) Two representatives of designated trauma  
22 hospitals, as appointed by the Alabama Hospital Association.

23 (7) Two trauma surgeons and one emergency physician,  
24 as appointed by the Medical Association of the State of  
25 Alabama.

1           (b) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
2 their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and  
3 geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

4           (c) The chair and vice chair of the committee shall  
5 be elected by the members of the committee at the first  
6 meeting.

7           (d) The committee shall study all facets of revenue  
8 measures to support the continuance and expansion of the  
9 Alabama Statewide Trauma System.

10          (e) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of  
11 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
12 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the  
13 committee.

14          (f) The committee shall report its findings,  
15 conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature not later  
16 than the 10th legislative day of the 2021 Regular Session,  
17 whereupon the committee shall stand dissolved and discharged  
18 of any further duties and liabilities.

19          (g) Legislative members of the committee shall be  
20 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per  
21 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a  
22 meeting of the committee in accordance with Amendment 871 of  
23 the Constitution of Alabama 1901.