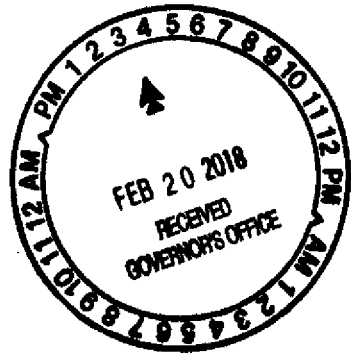


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4 ENROLLED, SJR43,

5 TO AMEND AND READOPT ACT 2017-63, SJR52, 2017  
6 REGULAR SESSION, TO RECREATE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE  
7 ON BUDGET REFORM.  
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9 WHEREAS, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Budget  
10 Reform was created by the Legislature during the 2016 First  
11 Special Session (Act 2016-480) to examine the structure and  
12 design of the state budgeting process and make recommendations  
13 for long-term budget and tax system reforms; and

14 WHEREAS, the task force, recreated by Act 2017-63,  
15 SJR52, 2017 Regular Session, has held numerous meetings to  
16 hear testimony and examine potential policy approaches  
17 relating to the expenditures of state government within the  
18 General Fund and the existing structure of the state budgeting  
19 process; and

20 WHEREAS, due to the diligent work of task force  
21 members, the task force has made significant progress in  
22 formulating suggested policy changes to the budgeting process  
23 which will facilitate thorough review and oversight of state  
24 agency spending and ensure that taxpayer dollars are  
25 appropriated in the best possible manner; and

1           WHEREAS, task force members are commended for their  
2 efforts to formulate meaningful budget reform and should be  
3 afforded additional time to complete their research and  
4 finalize recommendations to the Legislature; and

5           WHEREAS, a Second Interim Report of the Joint  
6 Legislative Task Force on Budget Reform was provided as  
7 required by Act 2017-63, SJR52, 2017 Regular Session; within  
8 that report, the task force requested to be continued and the  
9 date for the final report extended until the fifth legislative  
10 day of the 2018 Regular Session; now therefore,

11           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Act 2017-63, SJR52, 2017  
13 Regular Session, relating to the Joint Legislative Task Force  
14 on Budget Reform, is amended and readopted as follows:

15           That a Joint Legislative Task Force on Budget Reform  
16 is created to examine the structure and design of the state  
17 budgeting process and make recommendations for long-term  
18 budget and tax system reforms.

19           (a) The committee is composed of the following:

20           (1) Sen. Greg Albritton (R-Range)

21           (2) Sen. Clyde Chambliss (R-Prattville)

22           (3) Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison (D-Birmingham)

23           (4) Sen. Bill Hightower (R-Mobile)

24           (5) Sen. Bill Holtzclaw (R-Madison)

25           (6) Sen. Bobby Singleton (D-Greensboro)

1 (7) Sen. Phil Williams (R-Rainbow City)

2 (8) Rep. Anthony Daniels (D-Huntsville)

3 (9) Rep. Allen Farley (R-McCalla)

4 (10) Rep. Danny Garrett (R-Trussville)

5 (11) Rep. John Knight (D-Montgomery)

6 (12) Rep. Chris Pringle (R-Mobile)

7 (13) Rep. Kyle South (R-Fayette)

8 (14) Rep. Rich Wingo (R-Tuscaloosa)

9 (b) Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment. The  
10 Speaker of the House shall fill vacancies created by House  
11 members. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall fill  
12 vacancies created by Senate members.

13 (c) The task force shall evaluate and recommend  
14 changes to state budgeting practices including, but not  
15 limited to:

16 (1) Adjustments to the budgeting process for the  
17 Education Trust Fund and General Fund.

18 (2) Requiring state entities to undergo greater  
19 performance and program reviews.

20 (3) Unearmarking funds in order to provide for  
21 greater legislative oversight and appropriating flexibility.

22 (4) Reviewing existing state tax credits,  
23 deductions, and exemptions that result in the loss of  
24 approximately \$4.5 billion in revenue to our state budgets

1 each year, and creating a policy to ensure that future tax  
2 credits effectively provide economic gain to the state.

3 (5) Identifying areas to provide tax relief to  
4 Alabama families without significantly impacting state  
5 budgets.

6 (d) The task force shall meet periodically as  
7 determined by the co-chairs and shall report its findings,  
8 conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature not later  
9 than the 15th legislative day of the 2019 Regular Session,  
10 whereupon the task force shall stand dissolved and discharged  
11 of any further duties and liabilities.

12 (e) Each member of the task force shall be entitled  
13 to his or her regular legislative compensation, per diem, and  
14 travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of  
15 the task force in accordance with Amendment 871 of the  
16 Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be paid  
17 out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by  
18 means of warrants drawn by the state Comptroller on the State  
19 Treasury.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

*Mac McClatchey*

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

House of Representatives  
Adopted: 20-FEB-18

By: Senator Chambliss

APPROVED 2/27/18

TIME 4:16pm

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GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State  
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**REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE**  
**This resolution having been referred by**  
**the House to its standing committee on**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ RULES \_\_\_\_\_ was acted upon**  
**by such committee in session, and**  
**returned therefrom to the House with**  
**the recommendation that it be adopted.**

*Michael J. ...* Chairman