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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY FIREARM
4 LAWS.

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6 WHEREAS, protecting the public safety and welfare of
7 citizens is the most basic duty of government, and to this
8 end, effective and reasonable measures must be implemented to
9 keep Alabamians safe from violence; and

10 WHEREAS, Section 26 of the Official Recompilation of
11 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the
12 Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protect the
13 right of an individual to bear arms in self-defense, and this
14 right is a fundamental right derived from the inherent
15 principle of self-preservation of individuals who have a need
16 to protect themselves in both their homes and in their
17 movements throughout this state; and

18 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to maintain a dialogue
19 with interested parties and experts throughout this state
20 regarding the effectiveness of existing firearms laws in
21 curbing abuse of firearms while minimizing the impact of any
22 restrictions on law-abiding firearm owners; and

23 WHEREAS, the laws in this state, as well as
24 surrounding states, regarding the possession and carrying of
25 firearms are in need of review to determine potential measures

1 to enhance public safety while preserving residents'
2 fundamental right to bear arms; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created a Task Force
5 on 21st Century Firearm Laws.

6 (a) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
7 their appointments to assure that the Task Force on 21st
8 Century Firearms membership is inclusive and reflects the
9 racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic
10 diversity of the state.

11 (b) The membership of the task force shall consist
12 of appointments made by the following:

13 (1) The Secretary of the Alabama State Law
14 Enforcement Agency, or his or her designee.

15 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
17 one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
18 Minority Leader.

19 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one member of the
21 Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader.

22 (4) The Director of the Office of Prosecution
23 Services, or his or her designee.

24 (5) The Director of the Business Council of Alabama,
25 or his or her designee.

1 (6) A sheriff appointed by the Alabama Sheriffs
2 Association.

3 (7) A chief of police appointed by the Alabama
4 Association of Chiefs of Police.

5 (8) The Chair of the Alabama Peace Officers'
6 Standards and Training Commission, or his or her designee.

7 (9) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of
8 Mental Health, or his or her designee.

9 (10) Four members representing gun rights advocacy
10 organizations operating in Alabama that have at least 50
11 members, to be jointly appointed by the Speaker of the House
12 of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
13 Senate.

14 (11) A superintendent of a local school board
15 appointed by the School Superintendents of Alabama.

16 (12) A district attorney appointed by the Alabama
17 District Attorneys Association.

18 (13) An educator, appointed by the Alabama Education
19 Association.

20 (c) The task force shall have all of the following
21 duties:

22 (1) Perform a complete and comprehensive review and
23 assessment of state laws and regulations regarding firearms in
24 Alabama.

1 (2) Perform a review of the laws and regulations of
2 firearms in other states.

3 (3) Identify issues and problem areas in the laws
4 governing the possession and carrying of firearms in Alabama
5 that can be addressed through legislation.

6 (4) Submit recommendations for needed legislative
7 actions to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
8 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the appropriate House
9 and Senate committees no later than the last legislative day
10 of the 2017 Regular Session at which time the task force shall
11 be dissolved; however, if the task force has not completed its
12 work at this time, the task force shall submit its report as
13 provided in this subdivision no later than October 1, 2017, at
14 which time the task force shall be dissolved.

15 (d) (1) Appointments to the task force shall be made
16 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

17 (2) The task force shall hold its first meeting at
18 the call of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with
19 the date, time, and location of the meeting designated by the
20 Speaker.

21 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives
22 shall select one of the appointed members and the President
23 Pro Tempore of the Senate shall select one of the appointed
24 members to serve as co-chairs of the task force.

1 (4) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect
2 other officers as determined by the task force, and shall set
3 dates, times, and locations of subsequent meetings.

4 (e) The House of Representatives and the Senate
5 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the task
6 force to perform its duties.

7 (f) Members of the task force shall serve without
8 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in
9 attending meetings of the task force according to the policies
10 and procedures of their respective appointing authority.

11 (g) Legislative members of the task force shall be
12 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
13 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the task
14 force in accordance with Amendment 871 of the Constitution of
15 Alabama of 1901.

16 (h) A copy of this resolution shall be provided to
17 all appointing authorities of the task force.

