

1 HJR404  
2 185724-2  
3 By Representatives Williams (JD), Fridy, Butler, Mooney,  
4 Hanes, Williams (JW), Ledbetter, Carns, Drake, Wingo,  
5 Moore (B), Williams (P), Pringle, Beech and Holmes (M)  
6 RFD: Rules  
7 First Read: 02-MAY-17

1 185724-2:n:04/28/2017:DSM/tgw LRS2017-1827R1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA COMMISSION ON CHILD  
PROTECTION.

10

11

WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to the  
protection and well-being of all citizens of this state and  
particularly the children of Alabama; and

12

13

14

WHEREAS, learning to use electronic communication  
devices and having Internet access is essential for the  
education of the children of Alabama; and

15

16

17

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that electronic  
communications and the Internet frequently contain  
communications and information that are inappropriate for  
children and may be used by others in a patently offensive  
way, lacking literary, artistic, political, scientific, or  
educational value and may entice unsuspecting children into  
activities that are potentially dangerous; and

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

WHEREAS, electronic communications and the Internet  
may be used to lure children into illegal activities such as  
human trafficking and prostitution; and

25

26

Page 1

1

WHEREAS, solutions to enhance the safety of the

2 children in this state using electronic communications and the  
3 Internet would benefit children and the general public, and  
4 may reduce crimes in Alabama; and

5 WHEREAS, it is imperative that areas of risk be  
6 identified in order to advance proven and innovative  
7 technologies and procedures to promote the safety and  
8 protection of the children of Alabama who use electronic  
9 communications and the Internet; now therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama  
12 Commission on Child Protection to conduct a review of current  
13 state laws, rules, and procedures regarding the protection of  
14 children using electronic communications and the Internet, and  
15 recommend improvements, including innovative technology,  
16 improved methods to filter what is available to children on  
17 the Internet, methods to monitor and track electronic  
18 communications that may be harmful to children, and other  
19 measures to promote and enhance child protection and safety in  
20 this state.

21 (a) Membership of the Alabama Commission on Child  
22 Protection shall be comprised of the following:

23 (1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his  
24 or her designee.

25 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or  
26 his or her designee.

Page 2

1 (3) The Director of the Alabama Department of Human  
2 Resources, or his or her designee.

3 (4) A pediatrician appointed by the Speaker of the

4 House of Representatives.

5 (5) A child psychologist appointed by the President  
6 Pro Tempore of the Senate.

7 (6) The Director of the Alabama Public Health  
8 Department, or his or her designee.

9 (7) One member representing education appointed by  
10 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

11 (8) One member representing education appointed by  
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

13 (9) The Director of the Department of Mental Health,  
14 or his or her designee.

15 (10) One member representing education appointed by  
16 the Governor.

17 (11) The Attorney General of Alabama, or his or her  
18 designee.

19 (12) The Executive Director of the Office of  
20 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

21 (13) One member representing Internet Service  
22 Providers appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives.

24 (14) One member representing mobile phone  
25 manufacturing appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
26 Senate.

Page 3

1 (15) One member of an organization associated with  
2 family health and well-being appointed by the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate.

4 (16) One member with an organization focused on  
5 civil liberties, including freedom of speech, appointed by the

6 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
8 their appointments to assure membership of the Alabama  
9 Commission on Child Protection is inclusive and reflects the  
10 racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic  
11 diversity of the state.

12 (c) The commission shall have the following duties:

13 (1) Perform a complete and comprehensive review and  
14 assessment of current state laws and rules regarding child  
15 protection as it pertains to the use of the Internet and  
16 electronic communication devices, child pornography,  
17 solicitation for prostitution, human trafficking, and the  
18 reproduction and publication of obscene material.

19 (2) Recommend improvements for the safety of  
20 children who use the Internet and electronic communication  
21 devices.

22 (3) Recommend legislation to implement methods to  
23 improve the safety of children using the Internet and  
24 electronic communication devices.

25 (d) (1) Appointments to the commission shall be made  
26 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

Page 4

1 (2) The commission shall hold its first meeting no  
2 later than August 1, 2017, with the date, time, and location  
3 of the meeting designated by the President Pro Tempore of the  
4 Senate.

5 (3) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect  
6 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the  
7 commission, and shall set dates, times, and locations of

8 subsequent meetings.

9 (e) The House of Representatives and the Senate  
10 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the  
11 commission to perform its duties.

12 (f) Members of the commission shall serve without  
13 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses to  
14 attend meetings of the commission according to the policies  
15 and procedures of their respective appointing authority.

16 (g) The commission shall submit its findings and  
17 recommendations in writing to the Legislature no later than  
18 the fifth Legislative day of the 2018 Regular Session, at  
19 which time the commission shall be dissolved.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all state agencies are  
21 urged to cooperate fully with the commission in accomplishing  
22 the objectives of the commission, and that a copy of this  
23 resolution be presented to the appointing authorities set out  
24 above so that our sincere and continuing interest in this  
25 matter is known.