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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law prohibits the approval of
9 distinctive license plates for out-of-state
10 colleges or universities.

11 This bill would allow the legislative
12 oversight committee to consider and approve an
13 application for distinctive license plates for
14 out-of-state colleges or universities.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 To amend Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975,
21 relating to the approval of distinctive license plates; to
22 allow the legislative oversight committee to consider and
23 approve an application for distinctive license plates for
24 out-of-state colleges or universities

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 "§32-6-67.

2 "(a) There is created a legislative committee to
3 oversee the implementation and administration of this Article
4 2, except Subdivision 1 of Division 1. The committee shall be
5 composed of three members of the House of Representatives and
6 a county license plate issuing official, who shall be
7 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the
8 House, and three members of the Senate and a county license
9 plate issuing official, who shall be appointed by and serve at
10 the pleasure of the Lieutenant Governor, the Director of the
11 Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, the Director of
12 Public Safety, and the President of the Probate Judges
13 Association. The Department of Revenue shall designate a
14 representative and the Department of Corrections shall
15 designate a representative of Alabama Correctional Industries
16 as nonvoting and advisory members to the committee. The chair,
17 who shall be picked by the members of the committee from the
18 legislative members on the committee, shall have the authority
19 to call meetings of the committee when he or she deems it
20 necessary or as otherwise provided in this section.

21 "(b) The committee shall:

22 "(1) Meet not less than once every six months.

23 "(2) Require that a simple majority of committee
24 voting members be in attendance for conducting whatever
25 business requires committee action.

1 "(3) Establish guidelines for the qualification of
2 organizations which may sponsor a new or continued issuance of
3 a license plate category, or may benefit from that issuance.

4 "(4) Approve, disapprove, or indefinitely postpone,
5 by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a committee
6 meeting, a request for a new license plate category.

7 "(c) Decisions of the committee concerning approval,
8 disapproval, or indefinite postponement of further action on a
9 proposed distinctive license plate shall be interpreted to be
10 the intent of the entire body of the Legislature, and
11 separate, specific action by the Legislature concerning a
12 distinctive license plate proposal shall not be considered.

13 "(d) The committee shall not consider for approval
14 applications from the following types of organizations:

15 "(1) Out-of-state colleges and universities except
16 as provided in subsection (e).

17 "(2) Private businesses, business organizations, or
18 commercial entities of any type.

19 "(3) Public schools K-12, junior colleges, and
20 technical schools, exclusive of the Helping Schools Tag as
21 established in Sections 32-6-300 and 32-6-301.

22 "(4) Groups within high schools, junior colleges,
23 universities, and technical schools, such as band boosters,
24 athletic boosters, and the like.

25 "(5) Unions.

26 "(6) Political organizations.

27 "(7) Religious organizations.

1 "(8) Groups that promote racial or social
2 disharmony.

3 "(9) Public officials.

4 "(e) The committee may consider and approve an
5 application for a distinctive license plate for quantity Class
6 2 for an out-of-state college or university, upon submission
7 of an application pursuant to Section 32-6-64.

8 "~~(e)~~ (f) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary
9 of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall provide
10 clerical assistance necessary for the work of the committee.

11 "~~(f)~~ (g) The committee members who are members of the
12 Legislature shall be entitled to, and shall receive, the same
13 daily legislative compensation, expense allowances, per diem,
14 and other compensation which they receive while in legislative
15 session for each weekday, Monday through Friday, during any
16 week in which the committee actually meets. The
17 non-legislative members of the committee shall be entitled to,
18 and shall receive, the same per diem and expenses that are
19 paid to state employees."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
21 first day of the third month following its passage and
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.