

1 HB210  
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3 By Representative Pettus  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, in 2013, the Alabama  
9 State Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) was created,  
10 and on January 1, 2015, the law enforcement  
11 functions of various offices, departments,  
12 divisions, entities, and agencies of the state,  
13 including the Department of Public Safety and all  
14 of its divisions, the Alabama Bureau of  
15 Investigation, the Marine Police Division of the  
16 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,  
17 the Department of Homeland Security, the Alabama  
18 Criminal Justice Information Center, the law  
19 enforcement unit of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage  
20 Control Board, the investigative unit of the  
21 Alabama Forestry Commission, the investigative unit  
22 of the Department of Agriculture and Industries,  
23 the law enforcement unit of the Public Service  
24 Commission, and the revenue enforcement officers of  
25 the Department of Revenue, were all consolidated  
26 within ALEA.

1 Under existing law, the position of  
2 Secretary of ALEA was created and the secretary was  
3 designated the executive head of ALEA as well as  
4 the Director of Homeland Security.

5 Under existing law, two divisions were  
6 established within ALEA, the Department of Public  
7 Safety and the State Bureau of Investigations.

8 Under existing law, the Code Commissioner  
9 was directed to conform references in the Code of  
10 Alabama 1975, to the offices, departments,  
11 divisions, and other entities consolidated into  
12 ALEA and to reflect the changes made by the  
13 consolidation.

14 This bill would return the law enforcement  
15 functions consolidated within ALEA to the offices,  
16 departments, divisions, and other entities and  
17 agencies with which they existed before the  
18 creation of ALEA. This bill would abolish ALEA and  
19 would direct the Code Commissioner to make  
20 conforming changes in the Code of Alabama 1975.

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22 A BILL  
23 TO BE ENTITLED  
24 AN ACT

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26 Relating to the Alabama State Law Enforcement  
27 Agency; to repeal Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 41,

1 comprised of Sections 41-27-1 to 41-27-9, inclusive, of the  
2 Code of Alabama 1975; to return the law enforcement functions  
3 consolidated within the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency  
4 to the offices, departments, divisions, and other entities and  
5 agencies with which they existed before the creation of ALEA  
6 and abolish ALEA; and to direct the Code Commissioner to make  
7 conforming changes in the Code of Alabama 1975.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. One year after the effective date of this  
10 act, Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 41, comprised of  
11 Sections 41-27-1 to 41-27-9, inclusive, of the Code of Alabama  
12 1975, creating the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency and  
13 the Secretary of Law Enforcement and consolidating various  
14 offices, departments, divisions, and other entities into that  
15 agency, is repealed.

16 Section 2. (a) On the effective date of this act,  
17 all functions, powers, authority, duties, and jurisdiction and  
18 all books, records, funds, equipment, and personnel of the  
19 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, established pursuant to  
20 Article 1 of Chapter 27 of Title 41 of the Code of Alabama  
21 1975, are transferred to and reestablished within the offices,  
22 departments, divisions, entities, and agencies in which they  
23 existed before January 1, 2015. The Alabama State Law  
24 Enforcement Agency shall have one year from the effective date  
25 of this act to implement the transfers provided for in this  
26 act, and at that time, the various offices, departments,  
27 divisions, entities, and agencies consolidated into the

1 Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall exist and function  
2 in the same manner as they functioned before January 1, 2015.

3 (b) One year following the effective date of this  
4 act, the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency is abolished.

5 Section 3. The Code Commissioner shall conform  
6 references to the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency in the  
7 Code of Alabama 1975, to the units, departments, divisions,  
8 and other state entities as they existed before January 1,  
9 2015. Code changes shall be made at a time determined to be  
10 appropriate by the Code Commissioner.

11 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the  
12 first day of the third month following its passage and  
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.