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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would authorize two or more municipalities to establish a regional law enforcement training facility authority and would provide for the financing of the facility.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To allow two or more municipalities to establish a regional law enforcement training facility authority to maintain and operate a regional law enforcement training facility; and to provide for the composition, terms, and powers of the board of directors of the regional law enforcement training facility authority, including the issuance of bonds by the authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The municipal council of two or more municipalities, by resolution and with the initial consent of their respective mayors, may establish a regional law enforcement training facility authority for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a regional law enforcement training facility.



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29 (b) A municipality which desires to join an existing  
30 regional law enforcement training facility authority, by  
31 resolution and with the initial consent of the mayor, may  
32 request participation in the existing regional law enforcement  
33 training facility authority. The regional law enforcement  
34 training facility authority, by resolution, may approve the  
35 requesting municipality's participation in the authority and,  
36 if approved, the municipality shall participate with all  
37 rights and obligations of the original municipalities  
38 participating in the regional law enforcement training  
39 facility authority.

40 Section 2. The regional law enforcement training  
41 facility authority shall constitute a public body corporate  
42 and politic, exercising public and essential governmental  
43 functions and shall have all the powers necessary or  
44 convenient to carry out the purposes and provisions of this  
45 act including, but not limited to, all of the following:

46 (1) To sue and be sued in its own name in civil  
47 actions, subject to the limitations provided in Chapter 93 of  
48 Title 11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, and, except as otherwise  
49 provided in this act, to defend civil actions against it.

50 (2) To adopt and make use of a corporate seal and to  
51 alter the seal at pleasure.

52 (3) To have perpetual succession.

53 (4) To make and, from time to time, amend and repeal  
54 bylaws, rules, and regulations to carry into effect the powers  
55 and purposes of the authority.

56 (5) To make, enter into, and execute contracts,



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57 agreements, leases, and other instruments and to take other  
58 actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish any  
59 purpose for which the authority was organized or to exercise  
60 any power expressly granted under this section.

61 (6) To acquire, receive, take, or dispose of, by  
62 purchase, sale, gift, lease, devise, or otherwise, and to hold  
63 property of every description, real, personal, or mixed, that  
64 the authority may deem necessary to accomplish its purposes.

65 (7) To plan, establish, develop, acquire, purchase,  
66 lease, construct, reconstruct, renovate, enlarge, improve,  
67 maintain, equip, and operate a regional law enforcement  
68 training facility. The regional law enforcement training  
69 facility may include a shooting range to be used for training.

70 (8) To sell and issue bonds in order to provide funds  
71 for any corporate function, use, or purpose, pursuant to the  
72 same rules and regulations established for water, sewer, and  
73 fire protection districts as found in Chapter 89 of Title 11  
74 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

75 (9) To borrow money for any of its purposes.

76 (10) To appoint, employ, contract with, and provide for  
77 the compensation of officers, employees, and agents as the  
78 purposes of the authority may require, including, but not  
79 limited to, engineers, architects, attorneys, management  
80 consultants, private construction management firms, fiscal  
81 advisers, and in particular, a superintendent to manage the  
82 regional law enforcement training facility, and facility  
83 personnel as necessary to operate and maintain the facility.

84 Section 3. (a) The regional law enforcement training



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85 facility authority shall be governed by a board of directors  
86 composed of the following:

87 (1) Two members appointed by the municipal council of  
88 any municipality having a population of 20,000 or more. One of  
89 the members from each municipality may be a member of the  
90 municipal council.

91 (2) One member from any other municipality appointed by  
92 the municipal council of each respective municipality. The  
93 member may be a member of the municipal council.

94 (3) The mayor of each municipality.

95 (b) Except with regard to the mayors, the members of  
96 the board of directors of the authority shall serve at the  
97 pleasure of the municipal council appointing them.

98 Section 4. (a) After a regional law enforcement  
99 training facility is operational, the facility shall give  
100 first priority to the training of law enforcement officers for  
101 each participating municipality.

102 (b) The superintendent of the facility shall be  
103 selected by the mayor and members of the board of directors  
104 and shall serve at their pleasure. The superintendent,  
105 according to written policies and procedures adopted by the  
106 mayor and members of the board of directors, shall have and  
107 exercise control and authority over the law enforcement  
108 training facility.

109 Section 5. (a) The regional law enforcement training  
110 facility authority is a governmental entity as defined in  
111 Section 11-93-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, and the services  
112 the authority performs are declared to be governmental



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113 functions.

114 (b) The employees of the authority may participate in  
115 the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama.

116 Section 6. For the purpose of attaining the objectives  
117 of this act, any municipality participating in the regional  
118 law enforcement training facility authority, agreed upon  
119 terms, and with or without consideration as the authority may  
120 determine, may do all of the following:

121 (1) Lend or donate money to the authority or perform  
122 services for the benefit thereof.

123 (2) Donate, sell, convey, transfer, lease, or grant to  
124 the authority, without the necessity of authorization at any  
125 election of qualified voters, any property of any kind.

126 (3) Do any and all other things permissible by law that  
127 are necessary or convenient to aid and cooperate with the  
128 authority in attaining the objectives of this act whether or  
129 not specifically authorized in this section.

130 (4) Pay to the authority the proceeds of any special  
131 tax appropriated, apportioned, or allocated to the authority  
132 or to or for the benefit of any facility owned or operated by  
133 the authority.

134 Section 7. The property and income of the regional law  
135 enforcement training facility authority, all bonds issued by  
136 the authority, the income from the bonds, conveyances by or to  
137 the authority, and leases, mortgages, and deeds of trust by or  
138 to the authority shall be exempt from all taxation in the  
139 State of Alabama. The authority shall be exempt from all taxes  
140 levied by any county, municipality, or other political



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141 subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to,  
142 license and excise taxes imposed in respect of the privilege  
143 of engaging in any of the activities in which the authority  
144 may engage. The authority shall not be obligated to pay or  
145 allow any fees, taxes, or costs to the judge of probate of any  
146 county in respect of its incorporation, the amendment of its  
147 certificate of incorporation, or the recording of any  
148 document.

149           Section 8. All obligations created or assumed and all  
150 bonds issued or assumed by the authority shall be solely and  
151 exclusively an obligation of the authority and shall not  
152 create an obligation or debt of any municipality nor count  
153 against the constitutional debt limit of a participating  
154 municipality. This section shall not be construed to release  
155 the original obligor from liability on any bond or other  
156 obligation assumed by the authority.

157           Section 9. At any time when a regional law enforcement  
158 training facility authority has no bonds or other obligations  
159 outstanding, its board may by affirmative vote of a majority  
160 of its members, and with the prior approval of the municipal  
161 council of each municipality participating in the authority,  
162 adopt a resolution declaring its intent that the authority  
163 shall be dissolved. Written notice of intent to dissolve shall  
164 be immediately delivered to the municipal council of each  
165 municipality participating in the authority. Dissolution shall  
166 not take place less than 60 days following the written notice.  
167 At the expiration of 60 days and upon the filing for record of  
168 a certified copy of the dissolution resolution in the office



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169 of the judge of probate of the municipality in which the  
170 authority's certificate of incorporation was filed, the  
171 authority shall thereupon stand dissolved and, if the  
172 authority owned any property at the time of its dissolution,  
173 the title to all its property shall thereupon pass to and be  
174 divided and apportioned among the municipalities included in  
175 the authority.

176 Section 10. This act shall become effective June 1,  
177 2025.

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