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3 By Representative Pringle
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8 REQUESTING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE
9 LEGISLATURES TO REVIEW THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS OF
10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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12 WHEREAS, the Department of Examiners of Public
13 Accounts (department) was created in 1947 as an entity under
14 the legislative branch of government under the supervision of
15 the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Accounts
16 (committee); and

17 WHEREAS, the duties of the department include
18 periodic reviews and audits of the finances, books, records,
19 and accounts of all state and county offices, officers,
20 bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and
21 departments, and to provide reports on expenditures,
22 contracts, and other audit findings found to be in violation
23 of the law; and

24 WHEREAS, the department receives significant funding
25 from the State of Alabama, including appropriations of
26 \$5,811,602 in state funds from the General Fund and \$6,266,034

1 from the Education Trust Fund for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016;
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3 WHEREAS, the committee has a responsibility to
4 ensure that the department operates as effectively and
5 efficiently as possible with the resources it has been given;
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7 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State
8 Legislatures (NCSL) has performed numerous legislative studies
9 and organizational reviews in Alabama and other states; and

10 WHEREAS, legislative leadership in both the House of
11 Representatives and the Senate has reached out to NCSL about
12 performing an organizational review of the Department; now
13 therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
15 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in support of the request of
16 the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Accounts, we request
17 NCSL to conduct an organizational review of the Department of
18 Examiners of Public Accounts, including a comparison of
19 similar operations and best practices in other states and a
20 review of the management practices, operations, procedures,
21 and structure of the department to improve its effectiveness,
22 accountability, and transparency.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby direct the
24 Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to fully comply
25 with any requests made by the Joint Legislative Committee on

1 Public Accounts pursuant to its collaboration with the
2 National Conference of State Legislatures.