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8 URGING GOVERNOR KAY IVEY TO REQUEST AN EVALUATION
9 AND ANALYSIS OF THE STATE'S CORRECTIONS PROGRAM BY THE
10 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS OR ANOTHER COMPARABLE
11 AGENCY.

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13 WHEREAS, to complement prison sentencing reform
14 legislation adopted in 2015, it is imperative that this state
15 enact significant corrections program reforms to address
16 outdated and insufficient prison facilities, prison
17 overcrowding, staffing issues, prison violence, criminal
18 activity in prisons, and other associated deficits in the
19 overall delivery of corrections services; and

20 WHEREAS, The National Institute of Corrections (NIC)
21 is an agency within the United States Department of Justice,
22 Federal Bureau of Prisons, that provides training, technical
23 assistance, information services, and policy/program
24 development assistance to federal, state, and local
25 corrections agencies; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Alabama Department of
27 Corrections requested technical assistance from the NIC in

1 developing policies and procedures to comply with the federal
2 Prison Rape Enforcement Act at the Julia Tutwiler Prison for
3 Women; the NIC completed an invaluable assessment and analysis
4 of department practices, identifying strengths, challenges,
5 and observations relating to safety and gender-informed
6 practices in this state; the NIC assessment served as the
7 catalyst for successful policy changes within the department;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, an expert, unbiased evaluation and analysis
10 of the existing prison population, prison facilities, and
11 other associated policies and practices of the Department of
12 Corrections would significantly assist the department in
13 implementing effective reforms, thus improving department
14 management, operations, and programming and refining the
15 overall design, delivery, management, and evaluation of
16 corrections services; and

17 WHEREAS, an evaluation and analysis of the
18 corrections program by NIC would also aid the Legislature in
19 the introduction and adoption of meaningful legislation
20 crafted to improve or eliminate any identified deficits in the
21 delivery of corrections services in this state; now therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
23 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That by this resolution, Kay Ivey,
24 Governor of Alabama, is respectfully urged to request an
25 evaluation and analysis of the existing corrections program
26 from the National Institute of Corrections to identify
27 potential reforms to address the following:

- 1 (1) Prison overcrowding.
- 2 (2) Outdated and insufficient prison facilities.
- 3 (3) Violence in prisons.
- 4 (4) Criminal activity within prisons, including use
5 of local resources for investigations.
- 6 (5) Victimization of citizens through extortion
7 relating to inmates in state prisons.
- 8 (6) Mental health, health care, substance abuse and
9 addiction, and education services for inmates.
- 10 (7) Staffing and employee recruiting issues.
- 11 (8) Hiring practices and qualifications for
12 management staff.
- 13 (9) Any other deficit in the delivery of corrections
14 services in this state.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be provided to Governor Ivey so that the sentiments
17 of this body may be known.