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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to the City of Birmingham, establishing the
14 Birmingham Business Council to evaluate, research, and recruit
15 businesses for the City of Birmingham; to provide for the
16 appointment, duties, and terms of members of the council; to
17 provide for staff; to provide for appropriations; and to
18 provide for annual reports.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) There is created the Birmingham
21 Business Council to evaluate, research, and recruit businesses
22 for the City of Birmingham. The council shall consist of the
23 following:

24 (1) Two members of the Jefferson County House of
25 Representatives Delegation whose districts lie entirely within
26 the City of Birmingham appointed by a majority vote of the
27 members of the House Delegation.

1 (2) Two members of the Jefferson County Senate
2 Delegation whose districts lie entirely within the City of
3 Birmingham appointed by a majority vote of the members of the
4 Senate Delegation.

5 (3) One member who is a resident of the City of
6 Birmingham appointed by the Mayor of the City of Birmingham.

7 (4) A member of the City Council of Birmingham
8 appointed by a majority vote of the city council.

9 (5) The Mayor the City of Birmingham or his or her
10 designee.

11 (6) Two members appointed by the Birmingham Business
12 Alliance with one appointed member being a member of the
13 African-American Chamber.

14 (b) The terms of the legislative members and the
15 Mayor shall be coterminous with their terms of office. The
16 terms of nonlegislative members shall be six-year years.

17 (c) The council shall hold its organizational
18 meeting 30 days after the effective date of this act. The
19 council shall meet at the call of the chair or any majority of
20 the members thereof. The council shall have a continuing
21 existence and may meet, act, and conduct its business at any
22 place within the city.

23 Section 2. The council shall study, review, and make
24 proposals to the Mayor of Birmingham and the city council for
25 the recruitment and retention of businesses within the City of
26 Birmingham.

1 (b) The council may appoint a research director,
2 research assistants, and other personnel necessary to carry
3 out the purposes of this act.

4 (c) The council may in furtherance of its duties
5 receive annual appropriations from the city council and funds
6 from other sources.

7 Section 3. (a) The Mayor of the City of Birmingham,
8 the City Clerk, and the City Council of the City of Birmingham
9 shall provide any assistance as may be necessary at the
10 request of the council.

11 (b) Members of the council shall not be compensated
12 for their service, but may be reimbursed for travel and per
13 deim expenses at the same rate and under the same
14 circumstances as members of the City Council of the City of
15 Birmingham are reimbursed for each day's attendance at a
16 meeting of the council.

17 Section 4. (a) The council shall report its findings
18 and recommendations to the Mayor of the City of Birmingham,
19 the City Council of Birmingham, and the Jefferson County
20 Legislative Delegation not later than the 10th legislative day
21 of each regular session of the Alabama Legislature beginning
22 with the 2012 Regular Session and at other times deemed
23 necessary by the council.

24 Section 5. This act shall become effective on the
25 first day of the third month following its passage and
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.