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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama Criminal
9 Justice Information System has certain authority to
10 establish, develop, and operate a center and system
11 for the accumulation, storage, retrieval, analysis,
12 and dissemination of information and to interact
13 and cooperate with other governmental entities and
14 agencies for that purpose.

15 This bill would authorize the commission to
16 assist emergency communication districts, the
17 Department of Homeland Security, and other public
18 safety agencies with the operation of a public
19 safety communication network, to operate a command
20 and data center, and to operate other information
21 systems related to homeland security and public
22 safety.

23 The bill would authorize agreements to
24 provide for the assessment and collection of fees
25 to cover the costs of the services.

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27 A BILL

1 TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT

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4 Relating to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information
5 Center Commission; to further provide for agreements and
6 cooperation with other governmental agencies and entities
7 regarding accumulation, storage, retrieval, analysis, and
8 dissemination of vital information.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 41-9-604 is added to Article 23,
11 Chapter 9, Title 41 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as
12 follows:

13 §41-9-604.

14 (a) In addition to the duties and authority
15 established in this article, the Alabama Criminal Justice
16 Information Center Commission may perform all of the following
17 duties:

18 (1) Assist the emergency communication districts
19 created pursuant to Chapter 98 of Title 11, and other agencies
20 providing law enforcement and other functions related to
21 public safety and emergency services with the operation of a
22 public safety communications network capable of carrying
23 emergency communications, wireless radio and data
24 transmission, and encrypted and classified information.

25 (2) Operate a command and data center that operates
26 24 hours a day to assist user agencies and monitor critical
27 systems to ensure reliability and security. Measures shall be

1 taken to ensure continued operations in an emergency or
2 disaster.

3 (3) Operate and provide information systems for the
4 collection, storage, analysis, and dissemination of data as
5 requested by the Department of Homeland Security and the
6 Alabama Fusion Center, and as needed to comply with any
7 informational mandates placed upon the state by the federal
8 government related to homeland security, public protection,
9 and intelligence gathering.

10 (b) The commission may enter into and perform mutual
11 agreements and contract for the purpose of carrying out its
12 duties provided by this section.

13 (c) Any mutual agreements or contracts entered into
14 by the commission pursuant to this section shall include
15 provisions for the assessment and collection of fees for those
16 services rendered which shall not exceed the actual costs
17 incurred for providing the services authorized herein. In no
18 circumstances may the proceeds of any fees collected under
19 agreements authorized in this section be utilized for other
20 services or programs provided by the commission.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.