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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law does not regulate contract
9 carriers that transport railroad employees.

10 This bill would provide for safety
11 regulations for certain contract carriers that
12 transport railroad employees to be promulgated and
13 adopted by the Public Service Commission.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to safety regulations for certain contract
20 carriers; to provide for safety regulations to be promulgated
21 and adopted by the Public Service Commission for certain
22 contract carriers transporting railroad employees.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) This section applies only to a
25 contract carrier transporting the operating employees of a
26 railroad on a road or highway of this state in a vehicle
27 designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers.

1 (b) The Public Service Commission shall adopt rules
2 regulating the operation of a contract carrier to which this
3 section applies. The rules shall include provisions that:

4 (1) Prohibit a person from operating a vehicle for
5 more than 12 hours in a day.

6 (2) Require a person that operates a vehicle for a
7 number of consecutive hours or days to rest for a period as
8 determined by the Public Service Commission.

9 (3) Require a contract carrier to keep a record of
10 all hours a vehicle subject to regulation under this section
11 is operated.

12 (4) Any other provisions deemed necessary to protect
13 the safety of the passengers being transported or the general
14 public.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective
16 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
17 its otherwise becoming law.