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8 DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADVISE AND  
9 DIRECT LOCAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS TO COMPLY WITH REPORTING  
10 REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ALABAMA SAFE SCHOOLS ACT.  
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12 WHEREAS, Section 16-1-24.1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
13 the "Alabama Safe Schools Act," requires that the principal of  
14 an Alabama public school shall report to the appropriate law  
15 enforcement authorities when any person violates local board  
16 of education policies concerning drugs, alcohol, weapons,  
17 physical harm to a person, or threatened physical harm to a  
18 person; the Act further authorizes the principal to sign  
19 warrants in the event that the offense involves a potential  
20 criminal charge; and

21 WHEREAS, we find a compelling public interest in  
22 ensuring that schools are made safe for students and faculty  
23 alike; this interest requires that the reporting requirements  
24 of the Alabama Safe Schools Act be followed by all authorized  
25 parties; and

26 WHEREAS, recent events indicate that not all Alabama  
27 schools have complied with the reporting requirements of the

1 Alabama Safe Schools Act; this may be the result of a lack of  
2 familiarity with those requirements; and

3 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education is  
4 well-situated to inform all local school officials of their  
5 rights and responsibilities under the Alabama Safe Schools  
6 Act, in order to ensure that those schools provide the safest  
7 environment possible for students, faculty, and staff; now  
8 therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby direct the State  
11 Board of Education to comprehensively advise all local school  
12 superintendents of the rights and responsibilities of school  
13 administrators under the Alabama Safe Schools Act and to  
14 comply with the provisions therein contained.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
16 resolution will be provided to the State Superintendent of  
17 Education and to each member of the Alabama Board of  
18 Education.