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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill creates the Alabama PK-20
9 Leadership Council, and the executive committee of
10 the council, to develop and recommend proposals to
11 improve the quality and effectiveness of education
12 throughout the state.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT
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18 To establish the Alabama PK-20 Leadership Council;
19 to provide for the purpose of the council; to provide for the
20 membership of the council; to provide for the executive
21 committee of the council; and to provide for the meetings and
22 reporting of progress of the council.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. The Alabama PK-20 Leadership Council is
25 created.

26 Section 2. (a) The council is charged with
27 developing and recommending proposals to improve the quality

1 and effectiveness of education throughout the State of
2 Alabama, to establish benchmarks to demonstrate progress, and
3 to promote the commitment of the council to success. To
4 accomplish these goals, the council shall focus on the
5 following three primary purposes:

6 (1) To bridge the gap between academic expectations
7 in the state for all high school graduates by addressing
8 continuity between what students are expected to learn in
9 PK-12 and what students must know to be prepared to succeed in
10 postsecondary institutions and in a career.

11 (2) To promote effective strategies for preparing
12 students for college or work, with an emphasis on math and
13 science, communication skills, technical education programs,
14 teacher education programs, and professional development.

15 (3) To advocate for integrated PK-20 initiatives
16 designed to increase student aspirations and expectations for
17 success in achieving high academic standards and for making
18 dreams of an education beyond high school come true.

19 (b) To achieve the purposes specified in subsection
20 (a), the council shall consider, but not be limited to, all of
21 the following objectives:

22 (1) Quality performance standards to help reduce the
23 need for remediation.

24 (2) Public awareness of the importance of improved
25 success based on preparation and ability.

26 (3) Curricular and assessment alignment throughout
27 all levels of education.

1 (4) Performance indicators that monitor progress in
2 improving teaching quality and increasing student achievement.

3 (5) Increasing participation and success of minority
4 students.

5 Section 3. (a) The Alabama PK-20 Leadership Council
6 shall be composed of representatives of education, state
7 government, and business. By virtue of position, the State
8 Superintendent of Education, a university president selected
9 by the four-year presidents serving on the council at the
10 time, and the Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary
11 Education shall rotate as chair of the council. In addition, a
12 member of the council shall be elected at large to serve in
13 the rotation every fourth cycle. The State Superintendent of
14 Education shall serve as the initial chair of the council. A
15 vice chair shall be elected at large to serve a concurrent
16 two-year term with the chair. Appointed members of the council
17 may serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms.

18 (b) The membership of the council shall include all
19 of the following:

20 (1) Nine members representing K-12 including:

21 a. The State Superintendent of Education.

22 b. Two members appointed by the Alabama Association
23 of School Boards.

24 c. Two members appointed by the School
25 Superintendents of Alabama.

26 d. Two members appointed by the Alabama Education
27 Association.

1 e. Two members appointed by the Council of Leaders
2 in Alabama Schools.

3 (2) Four members representing two-year colleges
4 including:

5 a. The Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary
6 Education.

7 b. Three members appointed by the Chancellor from
8 the two-year college system.

9 (3) Five members representing four-year
10 universities:

11 a. The President of Auburn University.

12 b. The Chancellor of the University of Alabama
13 System.

14 c. The President of the University of South Alabama.

15 d. Two presidents, one of whom is the president of a
16 historically black institution, including: Alabama State
17 University, Alabama A&M University, Jacksonville State
18 University, the University of Montevallo, Troy University, the
19 University of North Alabama, and the University of West
20 Alabama.

21 (4) Sixteen members representing the state and
22 business interests:

23 a. The Chair of the Alabama Commission on Higher
24 Education, or his or her designee.

25 b. Alabama Supercomputer Authority: Executive
26 Director.

- 1 c. The Director of the Department of Children's
2 Affairs.
- 3 d. The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
4 Committee Education.
- 5 e. The Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee
6 Education.
- 7 f. The Chair of the Senate Education Committee.
- 8 g. The Chair of the House Education Policy
9 Committee.
- 10 h. The Director of the Alabama Development Office.
- 11 i. The President of the Economic Development
12 Partnership of Alabama.
- 13 j. The Director of the North Alabama Industrial
14 Development Authority.
- 15 k. The President of A+ of Alabama, or his or her
16 designee.
- 17 l. The President of the Business Council of Alabama,
18 or his or her designee.
- 19 m. Four business leaders appointed as follows:
- 20 1. Two by the Governor.
- 21 2. One by the Lieutenant Governor.
- 22 3. One by the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives.
- 24 (5) Three members who are ex officio nonvoting
25 members:
- 26 a. The Governor, or his or her designee.

1 b. The Vice President of the State Board of
2 Education.

3 c. The Executive Director of the Alabama Commission
4 on Higher Education.

5 (c) Individuals representing the Alabama business
6 community, appointed pursuant to paragraphs l. and m. of
7 subsection (b), may serve for no more than two terms of two
8 years each.

9 Section 4. (a) An executive committee for the PK-20
10 Leadership Council is established. The chair of the executive
11 committee shall be the council chair. The membership of the
12 executive committee shall include all of the following:

13 (1) The State Superintendent of Education.

14 (2) The Chancellor of the State Department of
15 Postsecondary Education.

16 (3) The President of Auburn University.

17 (4) The Chancellor of the University of Alabama
18 System.

19 (5) Five members of the council. Two of whom shall
20 be selected by the State Superintendent of Education, two of
21 whom shall be selected by the entire membership of the
22 council, and one of whom shall be selected by the university
23 presidents serving on the council.

24 (6) Three ex officio, nonvoting members as follows:

25 a. The Governor, or his or her designee.

26 b. The Vice President of the State Board of
27 Education.

1 c. The Executive Director of the Alabama Commission
2 on Higher Education.

3 (b) The executive committee shall meet as determined
4 by the chair of the executive committee. A simple majority of
5 the membership of the executive committee shall constitute a
6 quorum. Initially, members of the executive committee shall
7 provide the primary staff support necessary for the business
8 of the council.

9 Section 5. The council shall meet at least three
10 times a year and shall provide a progress report to the
11 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President Pro Tempore of the
12 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Alabama
13 Commission on Higher Education, the State Board of Education,
14 and each public university board of trustees.

15 Section 6. Each member of the council may designate
16 a representative to attend council meetings in his or her
17 absence. The representative shall hold the proxy of the member
18 for both discussions and casting votes related to action items
19 of the council.

20 Section 7. This act shall become effective
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.