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6 CREATING AN INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE  
7 FEASIBILITY OF DELEGATING TO TRAINED SCHOOL PERSONNEL THE  
8 AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER INSULIN AND GLUCAGON TO STUDENTS WITH  
9 DIABETES.

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11 WHEREAS, the care of a student with diabetes usually  
12 requires management during the school day, given that high and  
13 low blood glucose levels are dangerous, even life-threatening,  
14 in the short term, good management is needed to prevent  
15 long-term complications of diabetes, and well-managed diabetes  
16 is also critical for students' ability to learn; and

17 WHEREAS, while the school nurse plays a key role in  
18 providing care for a student with diabetes in the school  
19 setting and is the most appropriate person in the school  
20 setting to provide care for a student with diabetes, many  
21 Alabama schools do not have a full-time nurse, and even a  
22 full-time school nurse will not always be available due to  
23 absence, illness, or the need to treat the injury or illness  
24 of another student; and

25 WHEREAS, a large and growing number of states permit  
26 insulin and glucagon administration by trained school  
27 personnel; and

1           WHEREAS, the delegation to trained non-medical  
2 school personnel of the authority to administer insulin and  
3 glucagon has been found to be safe by the primary diabetes and  
4 pediatric medicine organizations, along with key educational  
5 organizations and relevant government agencies, including, but  
6 not limited to: the American Academy of Pediatrics; American  
7 Association of Clinical Endocrinologists; American Association  
8 of Diabetes Educators; American Diabetes Association; American  
9 Dietetic Association; American Medical Association; Barbara  
10 Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes; Centers for Disease  
11 Control and Prevention; Children with Diabetes; The Endocrine  
12 Society; Indian Health Service, Division of Diabetes Treatment  
13 and Prevention; Joslin Diabetes Center; Juvenile Diabetes  
14 Research Foundation International; Pediatric Endocrine  
15 Society, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
16 Diabetes Council; National Association of Elementary School  
17 Principals; National Association of School Psychologists;  
18 National Association of Secondary School Principals; National  
19 Education Association Health Information Network; National  
20 Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases;  
21 Pediatric Endocrine Nursing Society; and U.S. Department of  
22 Education; and

23           WHEREAS, the health and welfare of school children  
24 in Alabama is of paramount interest to the Legislature of  
25 Alabama; now therefore,

26           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
27 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created an interim

1 study committee to review the feasibility of delegating to  
2 trained school personnel the authority to administer insulin  
3 and glucagon to students with diabetes, with guidance from the  
4 American Diabetes Association's Safe at School program.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the interim study  
6 committee shall be comprised of the following members:

7 (1) The Chair of the Senate Health Committee, or his  
8 or her designee.

9 (2) The Chair of the House Health Committee, or his  
10 or her designee.

11 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the  
12 President Pro Tempore.

13 (4) One member of the House appointed by the Speaker  
14 of the House of Representatives.

15 (5) The State Health Officer, or his or her  
16 designee.

17 (6) The Executive Director of the State Board of  
18 Nursing, or his or her designee.

19 (7) The Director of the School Nurses Program at the  
20 State Department of Education.

21 (8) One representative each from the American  
22 Diabetes Association, Childrens' Health System, the Alabama  
23 State Nurses Association, the Alabama School Nurses  
24 Association, the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of  
25 Pediatrics, the Alabama Association of School Boards, the  
26 School Superintendents Association of Alabama, and the Alabama  
27 Council of Administrators in Special Education.

1           Each legislative member of the committee shall be  
2           entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his  
3           or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she  
4           attends a meeting of the committee. Upon requisitions signed  
5           by the chair of the committee, these payments shall be paid  
6           out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by  
7           means of warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State  
8           Treasury. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member shall  
9           receive additional legislative compensation or per diem when  
10          the Legislature is in session or if a member is being paid any  
11          other payments on the same dates for attendance on other state  
12          business.

13           The membership of the committee shall be inclusive  
14          and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and  
15          economic diversity of the state. The committee shall annually  
16          report to the Legislature by the second legislative day of  
17          each regular session the extent to which the committee has  
18          complied with the diversity provision provided for in this  
19          resolution.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this interim committee  
21          shall make its recommendations as to how the State of Alabama  
22          should proceed in order to ensure that necessary care is  
23          provided for students with diabetes, 15 days prior to the 2013  
24          Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature so that legislation  
25          may be prepared or administrative rules changed so that  
26          students with diabetes may safely participate in all school  
27          activities without danger or discrimination.

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