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3 By Senator Reed
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4 ENROLLED, SJR83,

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, a large and growing number of states permit
2 insulin and glucagon administration by trained school
3 personnel; and

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

1 WHEREAS, the health and welfare of school children
2 in Alabama is of paramount interest to the Legislature of
3 Alabama; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created an interim
6 study committee to review the feasibility of delegating to
7 trained school personnel the authority to administer insulin
8 and glucagon to students with diabetes, with guidance from the
9 American Diabetes Association's Safe at School program.

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

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

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

16 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the
17 President Pro Tempore.

18 (4) One member of the House appointed by the Speaker
19 of the House of Representatives.

20 (5) The State Health Officer, or his or her
21 designee.

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

24 (7) The Director of the School Nurses Program at the
25 State Department of Education.

1 (8) One representative each from the American
2 Diabetes Association, Childrens' Health System, the Alabama
3 State Nurses Association, the Alabama School Nurses
4 Association, the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of
5 Pediatrics, the Alabama Association of School Boards, the
6 School Superintendents Association of Alabama, and the Alabama
7 Council of Administrators in Special Education.

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

20 The membership of the committee shall be inclusive
21 and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and
22 economic diversity of the state. The committee shall annually
23 report to the Legislature by the second legislative day of
24 each regular session the extent to which the committee has

1 complied with the diversity provision provided for in this
2 resolution.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this interim committee
4 shall make its recommendations as to how the State of Alabama
5 should proceed in order to ensure that necessary care is
6 provided for students with diabetes, 15 days prior to the 2013
7 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature so that legislation
8 may be prepared or administrative rules changed so that
9 students with diabetes may safely participate in all school
10 activities without danger or discrimination.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Reed