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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, a large and growing number of states
23 permit insulin and glucagon administration by trained school
24 personnel; and

25 WHEREAS, the delegation to trained non-medical
26 school personnel of the authority to administer insulin and
27 glucagon has been found to be safe by the primary diabetes

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

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

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created an interim
26 study committee to review the feasibility of delegating to
27 trained school personnel the authority to administer insulin

1 and glucagon to students with diabetes, with guidance from
2 the American Diabetes Association's Safe at School program.

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

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

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

9 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the
10 President Pro Tempore.

11 (4) One member of the House appointed by the
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

13 (5) The State Health Officer, or his or her
14 designee.

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

17 (7) The Director of the School Nurses Program at
18 the State Department of Education.

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

26 Each legislative member of the committee shall be
27 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his

1 or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she
2 attends a meeting of the committee. Each non-legislative
3 member of the committee, who is not otherwise reimbursed by
4 public funds, shall be entitled to, and shall receive, the
5 same travel per diem and expenses that are paid to state
6 employees for each day the non-legislative member attends a
7 meeting of the committee, including the attendance of
8 meetings prior to the adoption of this resolution. Upon
9 requisitions signed by the chair of the committee, these
10 payments shall be paid out of any funds appropriated to the
11 use of the Legislature by means of warrants drawn by the
12 Comptroller on the State Treasury. Notwithstanding the
13 foregoing, no member shall receive additional legislative
14 compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session
15 or if a member is being paid any other payments on the same
16 dates for attendance on other state business. The total
17 expenditures of the committee shall not exceed ten thousand
18 dollars (\$10,000).

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

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this interim commit-
27 tee shall make its recommendations as to how the State of

1 Alabama should proceed in order to ensure that necessary
2 care is provided for students with diabetes, 15 days prior
3 to the 2013 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature so
4 that legislation may be prepared or administrative rules
5 changed so that students with diabetes may safely partici-
6 pate in all school activities without danger or discrimina-
7 tion.