- 1 HB64
- 2 156488-4
- By Representatives Jones, Henry, Baker, Greer, Wallace,
- Baughn, Buttram, Chesteen, Patterson, Farley, Rich, Brown,
- 5 Hurst, Tuggle, Beckman, Millican, Merrill, Sanderford, Johnson
- 6 (W), Roberts, Williams (D), Moore (B), Johnson (K), Hammon,
- Hubbard (M), McClendon, Nordgren, Butler, Standridge, Shiver,
- 8 Shedd, Collins, McClurkin, Drake, Treadaway, Sessions, Faust,
- 9 Hill, McMillan, Williams (P), Ball, Carns, Williams (J),
- 10 Davis, McCutcheon and Long
- 11 RFD: Judiciary
- 12 First Read: 14-JAN-14
- 13 PFD: 12/18/2013

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	Relating to sovereign immunity, to specify in
9	statute that an officer, employee, or agent of the state,
10	including, but not limited to, an education employee, in his
11	or her official capacity, is immune from liability in any suit
12	pursuant to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; and to
13	specify that these persons are not personally liable under
14	certain conditions.
15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
16	Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section,
17	"education employee" means a certified or noncertified
18	employee of the State Board of Education or any local board of
19	education and an employee of the Alabama Institute for Deaf
20	and Blind or the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science.
21	and Blind, the Alabama School of Fine Arts, the Department of
22	Youth Services, or the Alabama School of Mathematics and
23	Science.
24	(b) An <del>education employee or an</del> officer, employee,
25	or agent of the state, including, but not limited to, an
26	education employee acting in his or her official capacity is

immune from civil liability in any suit pursuant to Article I, Section 14, of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

- (c) An education employee or an officer, employee, or agent of the state, including, but not limited to, an education employee, is immune from civil liability in his or her personal capacity when the conduct made the basis of the claim is based upon the agent's:
  - (1) Formulating plans, policies, or designs;
  - (2) Exercising his or her judgment in the administration of a department or agency of government, including, but not limited to, examples such as:
    - a. Making administrative adjudications;
    - b. Allocating resources;
    - c. Negotiating contracts; or
- d. Hiring, firing, transferring, assigning, or supervising personnel;
  - (3) Discharging duties imposed on a department or agency by statute, rule, or regulation, insofar as the statute, rule, or regulation prescribes the manner for performing the duties and the state agent performs the duties in that manner;
  - (4) Exercising judgment in the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state, including, but not limited to, law enforcement officers' arresting or attempting to arrest persons; or
  - (5) Exercising judgment in the discharge of duties imposed by statute, rule, or regulation in releasing

- prisoners, counseling or releasing persons of unsound mind, or educating students.
- (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), an education
  employee, officer, employee, or agent of the state is not
  immune from civil liability in his or her personal capacity
  if:

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- (1) The Constitution or laws of the United States, or the Constitution of this state, or laws, rules, or regulations of this state enacted or promulgated for the purpose of regulating the activities of a governmental agency require otherwise; or
  - (2) The education employee, officer, employee, or agent acts willfully, maliciously, fraudulently, in bad faith, beyond his or her authority, or under a mistaken interpretation of the law.
  - (e) This act shall not be construed to eliminate, alter, or otherwise modify any other immunity regarding officers, employees, or agents of the state established under the constitution and laws of this state.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Judiciary 14-JAN-14
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8 9 10	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar with 1 substitute and 1 amendment
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12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended 22-JAN-14
14	Yeas 95, Nays 0, Abstains 0
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16 17 18	Jeff Woodard Clerk