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3 SENATE EDUCATION AND YOUTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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9 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit public colleges and
10 universities, local boards of education, and public
11 schools from expending public funds to advocate in
12 favor of or against statewide and local ballot
13 measures.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to public funds; to prohibit public
20 colleges and universities, local boards of education, and
21 public schools from expending public funds to advocate in
22 favor of or against statewide and local ballot measures.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other
25 provision of law to the contrary, a public institution of
26 higher education, a local board of education, or any school

1 under the jurisdiction of a local board of education may not
2 expend any public funds from any source for activities to
3 advocate for electors to vote in favor of or against a
4 statewide or local ballot measure, even if it has been
5 determined that the expenditure serves a public purpose.

6 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the
7 activities prohibited are those enumerated in Section
8 17-17-5(b)(1), Code of Alabama 1975, if the purpose is to
9 advocate for electors to vote in favor of or against a
10 statewide or local measure.

11 (b) Providing information on ballot issues which do
12 not advocate a specific voter action is not a prohibited
13 activity under subsection (a).

14 (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent a
15 contribution or dues payment to a trade association in which
16 the public entity is a member.

17 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
18 first day of the fourth month following its passage and
19 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.