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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Board of
9 Education is required to establish curriculum
10 standards for all K-12 public schools.

11 This bill would terminate the adoption and
12 implementation of the standards commonly known as
13 the Common Core Standards, also known as the
14 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards.

15 This bill would require the State Board of
16 Education to replace the Common Core Standards for
17 Math and English Language Arts with the courses of
18 study for Math and English Language Arts in place
19 immediately prior to adoption of the Common Core
20 Standards, pending the adoption of new standards by
21 the board.

22 This bill would further protect state and
23 local control of education by restricting the State
24 Board of Education from adopting or implementing
25 any other national standards from any source or
26 requiring the use of any assessments aligned with
27 them.

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2 A BILL
3 TO BE ENTITLED
4 AN ACT
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6 Relating to public education; to terminate the
7 adoption and implementation of the curriculum standards
8 commonly known as the Common Core Standards, also known as the
9 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards, in K-12 public
10 schools; and to require the State Board of Education to
11 replace the Common Core Standards for Math and English
12 Language Arts with the courses of study in place immediately
13 prior to adoption of the Common Core Standards, pending the
14 adoption of new standards by the board.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds that the State
17 Board of Education, in the fall of 2013, voted to rescind the
18 Memorandum of Agreement that involved the State of Alabama in
19 adopting the Common Core Standards, which ceded control of
20 Alabama's standards to entities other than the state and local
21 educational agencies, and declared that the collection of
22 personal data concerning students of Alabama public schools
23 would not be collected or compiled.

24 (b) In order to codify the intent of the board, the
25 State of Alabama hereby terminates all plans, programs,
26 activities, efforts, and expenditures relative to the
27 implementation of the educational initiative commonly referred

1 to as the Common Core State Standards, or any derivative or
2 permutation thereof, including, but not limited to, the
3 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards which have been
4 adopted or may be adopted by the board or its employees,
5 including any assessments, data collection, and instructions
6 based on or involving any such standard or protocol.

7 (c) As part of the transition to an improved Alabama
8 standards process, the board shall immediately replace the
9 current Common Core Standards, also known as the Alabama
10 College and Career Ready Standards, with the courses of study
11 for Math in place until May 2011, and for English Language
12 Arts in place until May 2012, both of which were used in
13 classrooms immediately prior to implementation of the Common
14 Core Standards. These standards shall be known as the
15 Transition Standards and shall remain in effect for the
16 2019-2020 school year pending the adoption of new standards by
17 the board pursuant to subsection (d).

18 (d) Following existing state law regarding the
19 process for revision of the Alabama Courses of Study, the
20 State Board of Education shall proceed with updating the
21 Transition Standards, and, before May 1, 2020, adopting new
22 standards pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure
23 Act. The new standards for Math and English Language Arts
24 shall begin in the 2020-2021 school year and shall be known as
25 the Alabama Core Standards.

26 (e) As part of the termination process, the
27 Legislature directs the State Superintendent of Education, the

1 State Board of Education, and any other public authority to
2 terminate the flexibility waiver agreement with the U.S.
3 Department of Education, pertaining to the federal Elementary
4 and Secondary Education Act, which includes the adoption of
5 the Common Core Standards, also known as the Alabama College
6 and Career Ready Standards, and other areas of federal control
7 of the educational process.

8 (f) The Legislature further prohibits the adoption
9 or implementation of any national standards from any source,
10 or the use of any assessments aligned with them, that cede
11 control of Alabama educational standards in any manner,
12 including, but not limited to, the Next Generation Science
13 Standards, History Standards, Social Studies Standards, or
14 Sexuality Standards.

15 (g) The state shall retain sole control over the
16 development, establishment, and revision of K-12 course of
17 study standards.

18 (h) Any education entity or any state official shall
19 not join any consortium or any other organization when
20 participation in that consortium or organization would cede
21 any measure of control over any aspect of Alabama public
22 education to any such entity.

23 Section 2. Any citizen of the State of Alabama shall
24 have standing in the courts of Alabama to bring suit to ensure
25 the enforcement of this act.

1 Section 3. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.