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3 SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HB241, AS  
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9 SYNOPSIS: This bill would establish the Alabama  
10 Credential Quality and Transparency Act and the  
11 Alabama Workforce Council Committee on a Credential  
12 Quality and Transparency; would establish the  
13 Alabama Terminal on Linking and Analyzing  
14 Statistics (ATLAS) on Career Pathways Act; and  
15 would establish the Alabama College and Career  
16 Readiness Act.

17 This bill would provide for full, free,  
18 open, public, and interoperable essential data  
19 about all educational and occupational credentials  
20 and competencies available to the residents of the  
21 state.

22 This bill would provide a database through  
23 which students, job seekers, and employers may  
24 search, compare, and analyze common information  
25 about credentials and competencies before making  
26 decisions about quality and value of credentials

1 and the education and workforce programs related to  
2 those credentials.

3 This bill would also establish a statewide  
4 definition of college and career readiness.

5 Amendment 621 to the Constitution of Alabama  
6 of 1901, as amended by Amendment 890, now appearing  
7 as Section 111.05 of the Official ReCompilation of  
8 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended,  
9 prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect  
10 would be to require a new or increased expenditure  
11 of local funds from becoming effective with regard  
12 to a local governmental entity without enactment by  
13 a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number  
14 of specified exceptions; it is approved by the  
15 affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates  
16 funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to  
17 the entity for the purpose.

18 The purpose or effect of this bill would be  
19 to require a new or increased expenditure of local  
20 funds within the meaning of the amendment. However,  
21 the bill does not require approval of a local  
22 governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to  
23 become effective because it comes within one of the  
24 specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

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26 A BILL  
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 Relating to credentials and the workforce; to create  
4 the Alabama Credential Quality and Transparency Act as a new  
5 Division 9, commencing with Section 41-29-350, Article 3,  
6 Chapter 29, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975; to create the  
7 Alabama Terminal on Linking and Analyzing Statistics on Career  
8 Pathways Act as a new Division 10, commencing with Section  
9 41-29-360, Article 3, Chapter 29, Title 41, Code of Alabama  
10 1975; and to establish the Alabama College and Career  
11 Readiness Act by adding Section 41-29-298 to the Code of  
12 Alabama 1975; to provide for the creation of a free,  
13 searchable public online registry of educational and  
14 occupational statistics relating to workforce development; to  
15 collect, combine, and analyze certain personally identifiable  
16 information for research studies and audits; to require the  
17 collection of student academic and personal performance  
18 information; to restrict the release of personally  
19 identifiable information; to provide procedures for handling  
20 data breaches; to establish a statewide definition of college  
21 and career readiness; and in connection therewith to have as  
22 its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
23 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621  
24 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended by  
25 Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official  
26 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
27 amended.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Division 9, commencing with Section  
3 41-29-350, is added to Article 3, Chapter 29, Title 41 of the  
4 Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

5 §41-29-350.

6 This division shall be known and may be cited as the  
7 Alabama Credential Quality and Transparency Act.

8 §41-29-351.

9 For the purposes of this division, the following  
10 terms shall have the following meanings:

11 (1) COMMITTEE. The Alabama Workforce Council  
12 Committee on Credential Quality and Transparency.

13 (2) COMPETENCY. Measurable or observable knowledge,  
14 skills, and abilities.

15 (3) CREDENTIAL. A qualification, achievement, or  
16 recognition of competence.

17 (4) OCCUPATIONAL ONTOLOGY. The tiered system for  
18 classifying competencies and credentials based on their  
19 alignment with specific occupations.

20 (5) REGISTRY. The Alabama Credential Registry, which  
21 is a virtual repository of state competency and credential  
22 data, accessible to credential providers and the public  
23 through an online platform maintained by the Alabama Workforce  
24 Council.

25 §41-29-352.

26 (a) The committee shall advise the Alabama Committee  
27 on Credentialing and Career Pathways on making credential and

1 competency data, collected through the registry created by  
2 this division, publicly available.

3 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
4 their appointments to assure the committee membership is  
5 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,  
6 rural, and economic diversity of the state. The committee  
7 shall be composed of the following members:

8 (1) One representative from each of the technical  
9 advisory committees of the Alabama Committee on Credentialing  
10 and Career Pathways.

11 (2) The Governor, or his or her designee, who shall  
12 chair the committee, shall vote only in the case of a tie, and  
13 may not make or second motions.

14 (3) The Secretary of the Department of Early  
15 Childhood Education, or his or her designee.

16 (4) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or  
17 her designee.

18 (5) The Executive Director of the Alabama Commission  
19 on Higher Education, or his or her designee.

20 (6) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College  
21 System, or his or her designee.

22 (7) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce, or  
23 his or her designee.

24 (8) The Secretary of Labor, or his or her designee.

25 (9) The Commissioner of the Department of  
26 Rehabilitation Services, or his or her designee.

1 (c) On or before June 30, 2023, and each June 30  
2 thereafter, the committee, shall provide to the Alabama  
3 Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways, a list of all  
4 credentials, and in particular the credentials of value, for  
5 each industry operating in the state, which shall be  
6 determined by reviewing each credential on the registry  
7 against the quality assurance criteria provided by the Alabama  
8 Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways, and shall  
9 classify the value determination of each credential, and its  
10 associated competencies, on the registry using the state  
11 occupational ontology.

12 (d) The committee shall ensure that credential and  
13 competency data included in the registry benefits all of the  
14 following:

15 (1) Improving tools for identifying the highest  
16 yielding education and career pathways and credentials.

17 (2) Determining the return on investment for  
18 programs and credentials.

19 (3) Identifying gaps in the availability of  
20 high-quality credentials in the state.

21 (4) Providing data to align education and workforce  
22 credentials.

23 §41-29-353.

24 (a) No later than January 1, 2023, all secondary and  
25 postsecondary credentials funded through the Education Trust  
26 Fund, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, licenses  
27 issued by any state occupational licensing board or

1 commission, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education  
2 Act of 2006, or the state approving agency for veterans  
3 education and training, or any of them, shall be reviewed for  
4 inclusion on the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career  
5 Pathways statewide and regional lists of in-demand  
6 occupations, dynamic career pathways, or both. Credentials  
7 included in the registry shall be searchable, comparable, and  
8 interoperable using open specifications and linked data  
9 formats, including the credential transparency description  
10 language.

11 (b) The format and specifications for the free  
12 public registry shall be approved and maintained by the  
13 committee, and the data about the educational and occupational  
14 credentials and their associated competencies shall be public,  
15 open, interoperable, aligned with widely recognized standards,  
16 and shall allow for open access across sectors and platforms.  
17 The information shall be human readable, machine actionable,  
18 current, accurate, and maintained on the registry.

19 §41-29-354.

20 All data published to the registry shall be  
21 available to the public and shall not include any personally  
22 identifiable information.

23 §41-29-355.

24 The committee shall adopt rules as necessary to  
25 implement and administer this division pursuant to the Alabama  
26 Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 22 of Title 41.

1                   Section 2. Division 10, commencing with Section  
2                   41-29-360, is added to Article 3, Chapter 29, Title 41 of the  
3                   Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

4                   §41-29-360.

5                   (a) This division shall be known and may be cited as  
6                   the Alabama Terminal on Linking and Analyzing Statistics on  
7                   Career Pathways Act.

8                   (b) For the purposes of this division, the following  
9                   terms shall have the following meanings:

10                   (1) AGGREGATED DATA. Information produced by  
11                   combining unit record data from one or more sources into  
12                   summary form for the purpose of analysis or public reporting,  
13                   or both.

14                   (2) COUNCIL. The P-20W Council.

15                   (3) DEIDENTIFICATION. The removal of personally  
16                   identifiable information and other unique characteristics from  
17                   data so the data may be analyzed without disclosing the  
18                   identity of the associated individual.

19                   (4) OFFICE. The Office of Education and Workforce  
20                   Statistics.

21                   (5) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. A data  
22                   element, or combination of data elements, contained in an  
23                   electronic record, including the social security number, name,  
24                   demographic data, or other information that identifies an  
25                   individual.

26                   (6) STUDENT DATA.

1           a. Data relating to student performance including  
2 all of the following:

3           1. State and national assessments.

4           2. Course taking and completion.

5           3. Grade point average.

6           4. Remediation.

7           5. Retention.

8           6. Special population status as defined by the  
9 Alabama Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act state plan.

10          7. Degree, diploma, or credential attainment.

11          8. Enrollment and absenteeism data.

12          9. Demographic data.

13          10. Suspension and expulsion records.

14          11. Student financial aid data.

15          b. Student data does not include any of the  
16 following:

17          1. Juvenile delinquency records.

18          2. Criminal records.

19          3. Medical and health records.

20          (7) SYSTEM. The Alabama Terminal on Linking and  
21 Analyzing Statistics on Career Pathways longitudinal database  
22 system.

23          (8) WORKFORCE DATA. Data relating to any of the  
24 following:

25          a. Employment status.

26          b. Wage information.

1           c. Special population status as defined by the  
2 Alabama Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act state plan.

3           d. Geographic location of employment.

4           e. Industry or occupation, or both.

5           §41-29-361.

6           (a) The system is established as a secure system to  
7 exchange and match individual level education and workforce  
8 data from partner entities while upholding legal protections  
9 to ensure the privacy and security of personally identifiable  
10 information. The system makes it possible to match data from  
11 various agencies and programs over time to create longitudinal  
12 records that may then be aggregated and analyzed to assist  
13 policy makers with developing strategies to improve education  
14 and workforce outcomes. The system shall generate timely and  
15 accurate information on education and training programs to  
16 empower students, families, and employers with information to  
17 make decisions best suited for their individual needs and to  
18 improve the education and training systems at all levels. The  
19 system shall be configured in the following manner:

20           (1) All information matched from partner entities  
21 shall be collected, safeguarded, kept confidential, and used  
22 only by the office in accordance with this division and other  
23 state and federal law.

24           (2) Each partner entity shall retain ownership of  
25 any data the partner entity provides to the system and shall  
26 reserve the right to opt out of any research request if the

1 request would violate state or federal law. To that end, all  
2 of the following shall apply:

3 a. A partner entity may not have access to data  
4 owned by another partner entity unless a data request is  
5 approved unanimously by the council.

6 b. Nothing in this division or council rule or  
7 policy may prevent partner entities from engaging in direct  
8 data sharing agreements with other partner entities or with  
9 external entities, so long as the data to be shared is owned  
10 by the contracting parties.

11 (3) The system shall serve as a data linkage that  
12 connects student and workforce data provided by council member  
13 agencies.

14 (4) The system shall conduct research relating to  
15 all of the following:

16 a. The effectiveness of state and federal education  
17 and workforce programs.

18 b. The performance of education preparation  
19 programs.

20 c. Instructional practices, education program  
21 design, and curriculum alignment.

22 d. Fulfilling data requests required for state and  
23 federal reporting.

24 e. The research agenda adopted by the council.

25 f. Fulfilling research requests from external  
26 researchers or stakeholders that are approved by the council.

27 §41-29-362.

1 (a) The council is established to govern the system.

2 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
3 their appointments to assure the council membership is  
4 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,  
5 rural, and economic diversity of the state. The membership of  
6 the council shall consist of all of the following:

7 (1) The Governor, or his or her designee, who shall  
8 serve as chair of the council.

9 (2) Each partner entity head, or designee, who has  
10 signed a memorandum of understanding to share data with the  
11 system.

12 (3) The Chair of the House Ways and Means Education  
13 Committee.

14 (4) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation  
15 Education Committee.

16 (5) The Chair of the Alabama Workforce Council.

17 (6) Up to four members of the public, who are  
18 experienced in education and workforce data and statistics,  
19 who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the  
20 pleasure of the Governor.

21 (c) The council shall perform all of the following  
22 duties:

23 (1) Develop a strategic plan with a vision for all  
24 of the following:

25 a. Increasing data matching efficiencies.

26 b. Creating publicly available data visualization  
27 and research tools.

1           c. Making aggregated education and workforce data  
2 available to authorized entities in a timely manner.

3           d. Creating a secure portal for authorized personnel  
4 of the council to transmit data to the office.

5           (2) Oversee the development, adoption, and  
6 implementation of rules to govern the proceedings of the  
7 council, the office, and the system.

8           (3) Oversee compliance regarding the protection of  
9 data shared with the system.

10          (4) Develop a data governance and security plan for  
11 the system regarding the use, privacy, and security of data  
12 and publish the plan on the system website.

13          (5) Establish the research agenda for the system.

14          (6) Establish a process for proposing and approving  
15 requests for reports using data matched in the system.

16          (7) Establish policies for sharing aggregated data  
17 or reports with the public and external entities.

18          (8) Develop strategies for promoting the transparent  
19 operation of the system.

20          (9) Form standing and ad hoc committees and working  
21 groups from among its own membership to accomplish its duties.

22          (10) Prepare and provide an annual report to the  
23 Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Speaker of the House of  
24 Representatives; President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Chairs  
25 of the House Education Policy, Senate Education Policy, House  
26 Ways and Means Education, and Senate Finance and Taxation  
27 Education Committees; and the State Board of Education on the

1 implementation of the system and the activities of the Office  
2 of Education and Workforce Statistics during the preceding  
3 year. The report shall include a list and analysis of all  
4 research studies conducted; recommendations or policy changes  
5 made during the preceding year; and goals and priorities for  
6 the succeeding fiscal year.

7 (d) The governance and security plan developed by  
8 rule of the council pursuant to this section shall include, at  
9 a minimum, all of the following: Secure procedures; training;  
10 safeguards; internal accountability processes; sanctions for  
11 violations; prohibitions against the use of data for  
12 unauthorized purposes; and other items deemed necessary by the  
13 council.

14 §41-29-363.

15 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a)  
16 of Section 41-29-365, the regular meetings of the council  
17 shall be held at the call of the chair, at least four times  
18 per state fiscal year; special meetings of the council may be  
19 called by the chair, or upon written request of a majority of  
20 the members of the council; and all regular and special  
21 meetings of the council shall comply with the Open Meetings  
22 Act.

23 (b) A majority of the members of the council, or  
24 their designees, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction  
25 of business.

1 (c) Each member of the council may appoint, in  
2 writing to the chair, a designee to represent him or her  
3 during the proceedings of the council.

4 (d) The members of the council shall not receive a  
5 salary or per diem allowance for their service, but shall be  
6 reimbursed through the Department of Commerce for expenses  
7 incurred in the performance of their duties for the office at  
8 the same rate as provided for state employees.

9 (e) Direct access to personally identifying  
10 information in the system is restricted to office staff and  
11 authorized staff approved by the council.

12 (f) Any person who knowingly releases data collected  
13 pursuant to this division to any other person not authorized  
14 to lawfully receive the data shall be guilty of a Class C  
15 felony and punished as provided by law.

16 §41-29-364.

17 The council may establish standing or ad hoc  
18 committees as necessary as provided by rule of the council.

19 §41-29-365.

20 (a) The Office of Education and Workforce Statistics  
21 is established within the Department of Commerce to manage the  
22 activities of the system on behalf of the council. The office  
23 shall be an authorized representative for partner entities for  
24 the purposes of accessing, aggregating, deidentifying, and  
25 compiling personally identifiable information for research  
26 studies, evaluations, or audits. The director shall serve at

1 the pleasure of, and perform functions as provided by rule of  
2 the council and approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

3 (b) The office shall perform all of the following  
4 functions:

5 (1) Implement the directives of the council.

6 (2) Maintain and implement system data sharing  
7 agreements, staff documentation, governance policies, and  
8 procedures created by the council and its standing and ad hoc  
9 committees.

10 (3) Maintain the daily operation of the system by  
11 coordinating with developers, vendors, and partner entities.

12 (4) Other functions as determined necessary by rule  
13 of the council.

14 (5) Collaborate with the Governor's Office of  
15 Education and Workforce Transformation to manage the annual  
16 Governor's Survey of Employer Competencies and produce the  
17 competency models and dynamic career pathways that are aligned  
18 to the regional and statewide in-demand occupations identified  
19 by the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways.

20 (c) In the event of a data breach, the office shall  
21 do all of the following in compliance with the Alabama Data  
22 Breach Notification Act of 2018:

23 (1) Immediately notify all partner entities and all  
24 potentially affected state residents and employers of the  
25 unauthorized release or disclosure of personally identifiable  
26 information to an individual or entity.

1           (2) Within 24 hours after the discovery of the data  
2 breach, notify all council members.

3           (3) If the number of individuals required to be  
4 notified exceeds 1,000, notify the Attorney General as  
5 required by Section 8-38-6.

6           (4) Include in all written notifications to affected  
7 residents and employers, instructions for monitoring their  
8 credit reports.

9           (5) Conduct an analysis to assess the level of the  
10 data breach and perform tests to ensure that the data breach  
11 has been eliminated.

12           (6) Suspending any new data imports from partner  
13 entities until the required analysis and testing has been  
14 completed, and providing written assurance to those partner  
15 entities affected by the data breach, that the data breach is  
16 no longer a threat and that a plan is being developed to  
17 improve the system and prevent future occurrences.

18           (7) Any other action deemed necessary by the council  
19 to protect personal information of the public.

20           (d) No member of, or designee appointed to, the  
21 council or any standing or ad hoc committee of the council may  
22 vote or otherwise participate in any discussion or debate on  
23 any matter before the council in which he or she, or an  
24 immediate family member, has a direct personal or pecuniary  
25 interest. A member or designee shall notify the chair of the  
26 council in writing of any conflict of interest.

1 (e) Each local board of education, public two-year  
2 or four-year institution of higher education, and state agency  
3 shall comply with data requests and requirements of the  
4 council and the office in a timely and complete manner.

5 (f) The office shall make summary data available to  
6 the council that is capable of assisting current and  
7 prospective students in making informed decisions about  
8 possible postsecondary credential pathways and outcomes,  
9 including:

10 (1) Data across multiple programs and institution  
11 types.

12 (2) Information on state funded financial aid  
13 options.

14 (3) Military enlistment opportunities and benefits  
15 information.

16 (4) Information on regional and statewide in-demand  
17 occupations.

18 §41-29-366.

19 The council shall adopt rules as necessary to  
20 implement and administer this division pursuant to the Alabama  
21 Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 22 of Title 41.

22 Section 3. Section 41-29-298 is added to the Code of  
23 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

24 §41-29-298.

25 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as  
26 the Alabama College and Career Readiness Act.

1 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following  
2 terms shall have the following meanings:

3 (1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. The term has the  
4 same meaning as provided in Section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins  
5 Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 115-224).

6 (2) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONCENTRATOR. At  
7 the secondary school level, a student who has completed three  
8 or more career and technical education courses; or at least  
9 two courses in a single career and technical education program  
10 or program of study; or at the postsecondary level, a  
11 postsecondary student or adult who completes either of the  
12 following:

13 a. At least 12 academic or career and technical  
14 education credits within a single program that is comprised of  
15 12 or more academic and technical credits and results in the  
16 award of an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or  
17 degree.

18 b. A short-term career and technical education  
19 program of less than 12 credit units that results in the award  
20 of an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree.

21 (3) COOPERATIVE EDUCATION. A method of education for  
22 an individual who, through written cooperative arrangements  
23 between a school and employer, receives instruction, including  
24 required rigorous and challenging academic courses and related  
25 career and technical education instruction, by alternation of  
26 study in school with a job in any occupation field, which  
27 alternation shall be planned and supervised by the school and

1 employer so that each contributes to the education and  
2 employability of the individual.

3 (4) INTERNSHIP. Paid or unpaid work experience,  
4 usually for a predetermined period of time, that familiarizes  
5 potential candidates with the specific industry or the  
6 specific employer, or both, who is hosting the intern.

7 (5) ON THE JOB TRAINING. Paid work experience, with  
8 the same characteristics as cooperative education, with the  
9 added distinction that the work performed and tasks learned on  
10 the job are directly linked to technical instruction.

11 (6) REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. A plan  
12 containing all terms and conditions for the qualification,  
13 recruitment, selection, employment, and training of  
14 apprentices, as required under 29 C.F.R. Parts 29 and 30, and  
15 rules adopted by the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship,  
16 including rules requiring a written apprenticeship agreement.

17 (7) STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY. The Alabama Office  
18 of Apprenticeship.

19 (c) Commencing with the 2023-2024 school year, a  
20 public school student shall earn one or more of the following  
21 college or career readiness indicators, and any additional  
22 college and career readiness indicators approved by the State  
23 Board of Education, before graduation:

24 (1) Earning a benchmark score in any subject area on  
25 the ACT college entrance exam.

26 (2) Earning a qualifying score of three or higher on  
27 an advanced placement exam.

1           (3) Earning a qualifying score of four or higher on  
2 an international baccalaureate exam.

3           (4) Earning college credit while in high school.

4           (5) Earning a silver or gold level on the ACT  
5 WorkKeys Exam.

6           (6) Registration in a school youth registered  
7 apprenticeship program.

8           (7) Completing a certified preapprenticeship  
9 program.

10          (8) Earning a career technical industry credential  
11 listed on the collection of most used credentials of the  
12 Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways.

13          (9) Being accepted into the military before  
14 graduation.

15          (10) Attaining career and technical education  
16 concentrator status.

17          (d) The State Superintendent of Education shall  
18 require career coaches, who are funded through the Career  
19 Coaches Initiative of the state Career Tech Initiative  
20 supported by the Education Trust Fund, to satisfy or surpass  
21 annual targets, established by the State Superintendent of  
22 Education and the Chair of the Alabama Workforce Council, to  
23 increase the number of employer placements for students  
24 participating in an internship, cooperative education,  
25 on-the-job learning, preapprenticeship, or registered  
26 apprenticeship program recognized by the state apprenticeship  
27 agency that are related to an in-demand occupation.

1 (e) Commencing with the 2023-2024 school year, the  
2 career preparedness course required for graduation from public  
3 K-12 schools shall include all of the following:

4 (1) Exploration of in-demand occupations in the  
5 state.

6 (2) Completion of the Alabama Works module approved  
7 by the State Superintendent of Education and the Chair of the  
8 Alabama Workforce Council.

9 (3) A work-based learning experience related to an  
10 in-demand occupation.

11 (4) Establishment of a state college and career  
12 exploration tool account.

13 (5) Completion of a workforce preparedness module  
14 approved by the Alabama Workforce Council that is focused on  
15 employability skills, resume and interview success, and  
16 securing postsecondary and workforce opportunities.

17 (f) On or before December 30, 2022, The State  
18 Superintendent of Education and the Chair of the Alabama  
19 Workforce Council shall collaborate to revise and implement  
20 the career preparedness course of study to meet the needs of  
21 each of the seven workforce regions of the state. Thereafter,  
22 the career preparedness course of study shall be revised every  
23 seven years.

24 (g) The state apprenticeship agency shall adopt  
25 rules as necessary to implement and administer this section  
26 pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter  
27 22 of Title 41.

1                   Section 4. Although this bill would have as its  
2                   purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
3                   expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
4                   requirements and application under Amendment 621, as amended  
5                   by Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the  
6                   Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
7                   as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the  
8                   definition of an existing crime.

9                   Section 5. This act shall become effective on the  
10                  first day of the third month following its passage and  
11                  approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.