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SJR___ CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES.

WHEREAS, technology is rapidly changing at an astonishing pace; in the past few years, staying current in the constantly changing and innovative world of technology is necessary and can be very expensive; and

WHEREAS, for our future workforce to remain competitive, our public K-12 and two-year and four-year institutions of higher education must keep pace academically with rapid technological change, often with limited budgets; and

WHEREAS, the responsible and judicious investment of state funds on behalf of Alabama taxpayers is imperative for the efficient and effective operation of state agencies; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint Interim Study Commission on Responsible Technology Purchases to examine the short-term and long-term fiscal impact of the significant increase in mass technology purchases and to recommend new methods of addressing any potential economic,



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26 privacy, and environmental impacts of those purchases.

27 (a) The membership of the commission shall consist of
28 all of the following:

29 (1) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or
30 her designee.

31 (2) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College
32 System, or his or her designee.

33 (3) The Executive Director of the Alabama Commission
34 on Higher Education, or his or her designee.

35 (4) The Chair of the Senate Education Policy
36 Committee, or his or her designee.

37 (5) The Chair of the House Education Policy
38 Committee, or his or her designee.

39 (6) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
40 Education Committee, or his or her designee.

41 (7) The Chair of the House Ways and Means Education
42 Committee, or his or her designee.

43 (8) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
44 General Fund Committee, or his or her designee.

45 (9) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General
46 Fund Committee, or his or her designee.

47 (10) The Senate Minority Leader, or his or her
48 designee.

49 (11) The House of Representatives Minority Leader, or
50 his or her designee.



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51 (12) The State Finance Director, or his or her
52 designee.

53 (13) An educational, hardware technology specialist
54 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

55 (b) The designating and appointing authorities shall
56 coordinate their designations and appointments to assure
57 commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial,
58 gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of
59 the state.

60 (c) The Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation
61 Education Committee and the House Ways and Means Education
62 Committee shall serve as cochairs of the commission. The
63 commission shall meet as soon as practical at a time and
64 place set by the chairs. Notice of the meetings of the
65 commission shall be provided in a manner consistent with the
66 rules of the Legislature pertaining to interim committees.

67 (d) In addition to reviewing the existing methods and
68 processes for mass technology purchases, the commission
69 shall consider the viability of establishing and
70 implementing a model total cost of ownership (TCO) matrix or
71 calculator for public K-12 and higher education and state
72 government agencies to utilize when making large purchases
73 of technology. In designing a simple and straightforward
74 model template for a TCO matrix or calculator, the
75 commission should take into consideration all of the



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76 following factors:

77 (1) Residual or resale value of devices versus
78 initial costs.

79 (2) Leasing and fair market value financing options.

80 (3) End-of-life device buyback options.

81 (4) Sustainability plans for future refreshes.

82 (5) Environmental impact of end-of-use disposal
83 methods.

84 (6) Data privacy assurances at end-of-life.

85 (e) The Senate and the Legislative Services Agency
86 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the
87 commission to perform its duties.

88 (f) (1) The Legislative members of the commission
89 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per
90 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting
91 of the commission in accordance with Section 49 of the
92 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

93 (2) Other members of the commission may be reimbursed
94 for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the
95 commission according to policies and procedures of their
96 respective appointing authorities.

97 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
98 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State
99 a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on
100 the commission, and a copy of its findings and other



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101 documents produced throughout the duration of the
102 commission.

103 (h) The commission shall report its findings to the
104 Legislature, along with proposed legislation, and publish
105 its final report on the website of the Legislature not later
106 than January 1, 2024, at which time the commission shall
107 stand dissolved.



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