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

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; 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 by Public Education 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, privacy, and environmental impacts of those purchases.

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



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26 (1) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or
27 her designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 (8) The Senate Minority Leader, or his or her
41 designee.

42 (9) The House of Representatives Minority Leader, or
43 his or her designee.

44 (10) The State Finance Director, or his or her
45 designee.

46 (11) An educational, hardware technology specialist
47 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

48 (b) The designating and appointing authorities shall
49 coordinate their designations and appointments to assure
50 commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial,



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51 gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of
52 the state.

53 (c) The Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation
54 Education Committee and the House Ways and Means Education
55 Committee shall serve as cochairs of the commission. The
56 commission shall meet as soon as practical at a time and
57 place set by the chairs. Notice of the meetings of the
58 commission shall be provided in a manner consistent with the
59 rules of the Legislature pertaining to interim committees.

60 (d) In addition to reviewing the existing methods and
61 processes for mass technology purchases, the commission
62 shall consider the viability of establishing and
63 implementing a model total cost of ownership (TCO) matrix or
64 calculator for public K-12 and higher education to utilize
65 when making large purchases of technology. In designing a
66 simple and straightforward model template for a TCO matrix
67 or calculator, the commission should take into consideration
68 all of the following factors:

69 (1) Residual or resale value of devices versus
70 initial costs.

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

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

73 (4) Sustainability plans for future refreshes.

74 (5) Environmental impact of end-of-use disposal
75 methods.



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

77 (e) The Senate and the Legislative Services Agency
78 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the
79 commission to perform its duties.

80 (f) (1) The Legislative members of the commission
81 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per
82 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting
83 of the commission in accordance with Section 49 of the
84 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

85 (2) Other members of the commission may be reimbursed
86 for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the
87 commission according to policies and procedures of their
88 respective appointing authorities.

89 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
90 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State
91 a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on
92 the commission, and a copy of its findings and other
93 documents produced throughout the duration of the
94 commission.

95 (h) The commission shall report its findings to the
96 Legislature, along with proposed legislation, and publish
97 its final report on the website of the Legislature not later
98 than January 1, 2024, at which time the commission shall
99 stand dissolved.