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HR\_\_\_\_\_ ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY  
K-12 SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING.

WHEREAS, On April 30, 2024, the Governor signed  
SJR61, enacted as Act 2024-128, requiring the Legislature of  
Alabama to conduct a study on modernizing K-12 education  
funding; and

WHEREAS, Act 2024-128 provides compelling reasons  
that justify the need for a legislative study on modernizing  
K-12 education funding, including a need for greater  
flexibility in the coordination of state education funding  
priorities with the local needs of students, teachers, and  
administrators, and whether this need could be better served  
by transitioning from a resource-based funding model to one  
that is student-based and provides greater flexibility; and

WHEREAS, this body finds that the members of the Ways  
and Means Education Standing Committee of the House of  
Representatives, along with members of the Finance and  
Taxation Education Standing Committee of the Senate, are in  
the best position to undertake this study; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Legislative Study  
Commission on Modernizing K-12 School Education Funding is  
created to study modernizing the current K-12 school funding  
model.



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29           (a) The Legislative Study Commission on Modernizing  
30 K-12 School Education Funding shall be comprised of all  
31 members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means  
32 Education Standing Committee, along with all members of the  
33 Senate Finance and Taxation Education Standing Committee.

34           (b) The legislative study commission shall focus on  
35 the possibility of transitioning from a resource-based model  
36 of education funding to a model that provides greater  
37 flexibility and is based on the specific needs of students.  
38 The work of the legislative study commission may include,  
39 but not be limited to:

40           (1) Studying the projected costs and budget impact of  
41 a transition.

42           (2) Studying the associated changes in the tax and  
43 revenue framework that may be required to fund and maintain  
44 a transition.

45           (3) Studying the changes in law required to adopt a  
46 model of student-based education funding.

47           (4) If a specific pathway to modernize education  
48 school funding is endorsed by the legislative study  
49 commission, developing proposed legislation to effect the  
50 transition.

51           (c) The chair of the House of Representatives Ways  
52 and Means Education Standing Committee shall serve as a  
53 cochair along with the chair of the Senate Finance and  
54 Taxation Education Standing Committee. Meetings shall be  
55 held at the call of either cochair as necessary to conduct  
56 business.



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57           (d) The Fiscal Division of the Legislative Services  
58 Agency, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the  
59 Secretary of the Senate shall provide administrative and  
60 other assistance for the work of the legislative study  
61 commission as necessary.

62           (e) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
63 1975, the Legislative Study Commission on Modernizing K-12  
64 School Education Funding shall provide to the Secretary of  
65 State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member  
66 serving on the legislative study commission, and a copy of  
67 all reports and written recommendations produced throughout  
68 the duration of the legislative study commission.

69           (f) Members of the legislative study commission shall  
70 be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and  
71 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the  
72 legislative study commission pursuant to Section 49 of the  
73 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

74           (g) The Legislative Study Commission on Modernizing  
75 K-12 School Education Funding shall prepare a report of its  
76 findings, conclusions, and recommendations for any proposed  
77 legislation, as it deems appropriate, to the Legislature no  
78 later than February 1, 2025, at which time the legislative  
79 study commission shall stand dissolved and discharged of any  
80 future duties.

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