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3 By Representatives Collins, DuBose, Wood (D), Smith, Baker,
4 Ross
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4 HJR___ CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON
5 EXPANDING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY OUT-OF-SCHOOL EDUCATION
6 PROGRAMS.

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8 WHEREAS, out-of-school and summer programs are vital
9 to support the health and well-being of children and
10 families; research shows that students who participate in
11 these programs exhibit increased engagement in learning,
12 significant academic improvements, and notable behavioral
13 progress; and

14 WHEREAS, approximately 35 percent of Alabama's
15 workforce are parents, underscoring the essential need for
16 accessible, high-quality out-of-school and summer programs
17 that not only support working families, but also enable
18 employers to benefit from reduced absenteeism, increased
19 productivity, and higher employee retention; and

20 WHEREAS, for every child enrolled in an afterschool
21 program, four more are awaiting an opportunity to
22 participate, and 20 percent of students would have enrolled
23 in a summer program if one had been accessible; and

24 WHEREAS, this body finds a compelling interest in
25 seeking to expand access to the benefits of high-quality
26 out-of-school education programs; now therefore,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
28 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint



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29 Study Commission on Expanding Access to High-Quality
30 Out-of-School Education Programs.

31 (a) The membership of the commission shall include
32 the following:

33 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

34 (2) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

35 (3) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
36 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one member of the
37 Senate, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

38 (4) One member of the House of Representatives,
39 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
40 and one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
41 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

42 (5) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or
43 her designee.

44 (6) The Commissioner of the State Department of Human
45 Resources, or his or her designee.

46 (7) The Secretary of Early Childhood Education, or
47 his or her designee.

48 (8) The Secretary of Workforce, or his or her
49 designee.

50 (9) The Commissioner of the State Department of
51 Mental Health, or his or her designee.

52 (10) The Director of the Department of Youth
53 Services, or his or her designee.

54 (11) The Director of the Alabama Commission on the
55 Evaluation of Services, or his or her designee.



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56 (12) One member appointed by the State Superintendent
57 of Education, nominated by the School Superintendents of
58 Alabama.

59 (13) One member appointed by the State Superintendent
60 of Education, nominated by the Alabama Association of School
61 Boards.

62 (14) One member who is a representative of a tribal
63 nation, appointed by the Governor.

64 (15) One member appointed by the Alabama Expanded
65 Learning Alliance.

66 (16) One member appointed by the Alabama Education
67 Association.

68 (17) One member appointed by the Alliance of Alabama
69 YMCAs.

70 (18) One member appointed by the Boys and Girls Clubs
71 Alabama Alliance.

72 (19) One member appointed by Voices for Alabama's
73 Children.

74 (20) One member appointed by A+ Education
75 Partnership.

76 (21) One member appointed by New Schools for Alabama.

77 (22) One member appointed by the Council for Leaders
78 in Alabama Schools.

79 (23) Additional members may be added by majority vote
80 of the study commission membership.

81 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
82 appointments to assure the study commission membership is



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83 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic,
84 urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

85 (c) The Lieutenant Governor shall call the first
86 meeting of the study commission, at which time the members
87 shall elect a chair and a vice chair from among the
88 membership. The study commission may then meet as necessary
89 to conduct business.

90 (d) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the
91 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate
92 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the
93 work of the study commission as necessary.

94 (e) (1) The legislative members of the study
95 commission shall be entitled to their legislative
96 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day
97 they attend a meeting of the study commission pursuant to
98 Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

99 (2) The nonlegislative members of the study
100 commission shall serve without compensation but may be
101 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of
102 the study commission pursuant to the policies of their
103 respective appointing authority.

104 (f) The study commission shall provide comprehensive
105 recommendations to enhance afterschool and summer
106 programming for the benefit of Alabama's youth by thoroughly
107 examining each of the following:

108 (1) The quality of afterschool and summer
109 programming, by evaluating their effectiveness in delivering
110 educational and developmental benefits to participants.



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111 (2) The accessibility of afterschool and summer
112 programming, by identifying barriers that may prevent
113 children from participating, such as geographic, economic,
114 or social obstacles.

115 (3) The funding of afterschool and summer
116 programming, by reviewing current financial support
117 mechanisms, identifying gaps, and exploring sustainable
118 funding sources to ensure the programs' longevity and
119 effectiveness.

120 (g) The study commission shall prepare and submit a
121 report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to
122 the Legislature not later than the fifteenth legislative day
123 of the 2026 Regular Session. Upon filing its report with the
124 Legislature, the study commission shall stand dissolved and
125 discharged of any future duties and liabilities.

126 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
127 1975, the study commission shall provide to the Secretary of
128 State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member
129 serving on the study commission, and a copy of the final
130 report and other documents produced throughout the duration
131 of the study commission.

132 (i) Each appointing authority named herein shall be
133 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.



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