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3 By Representatives Collins, DuBose, Wood (D), Smith, Baker,
4 Ross
5 RFD: Rules
6 First Read: 27-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON EXPANDING
4 ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY OUT-OF-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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

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

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

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

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint
27 Study Commission on Expanding Access to High-Quality
28 Out-of-School Education Programs.



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29 (a) The membership of the commission shall include
30 the following:

31 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

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

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

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

40 (5) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or
41 her designee.

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

44 (7) The Secretary of Early Childhood Education, or
45 his or her designee.

46 (8) The Secretary of Workforce, or his or her
47 designee.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments to assure the study commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(c) The Lieutenant Governor shall call the first meeting of the study commission, at which time the members



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85 shall elect a chair and a vice chair from among the
86 membership. The study commission may then meet as necessary
87 to conduct business.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

124 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
125 1975, the study commission shall provide to the Secretary of
126 State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member
127 serving on the study commission, and a copy of the final
128 report and other documents produced throughout the duration
129 of the study commission.

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



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 18-Mar-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

03-Apr-25

Adopted