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HJR\_\_\_ CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON  
EXPANDING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY OUT-OF-SCHOOL EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS.

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
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) Additional members may be added by majority vote  
78 of the study commission membership.

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



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



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111 children from participating, such as geographic, economic,  
112 or social obstacles.

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.