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3 By Representative Robbins
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4 HJR___ CREATING THE STUDY COMMISSION ON PROTECTING MINORS
5 FROM ONLINE AND TECHNOLOGICAL THREATS.
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7 WHEREAS, the dangers of social media are creating a
8 public health crisis; and

9 WHEREAS, social media, apps, online platforms, and
10 technology are a ubiquitous and worrying part of 21st
11 century life; and

12 WHEREAS, parents need assistance in protecting their
13 children from new and emerging threats to physical and
14 mental health; and

15 WHEREAS, the state has a compelling governmental
16 interest to take action to protect children from these novel
17 threats; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Study
20 Commission on Protecting Minors from Online and
21 Technological Threats.

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

24 (1) One member of the House of Representatives,
25 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 (2) One member of the House of Representatives,
27 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
28 Representatives.



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29 (3) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
30 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

31 (4) One member of the Senate, appointed by the
32 Minority Leader of the Senate.

33 (5) One member appointed by the Chair of the House
34 Judiciary Committee.

35 (6) One member appointed by the Chair of the Senate
36 Judiciary Committee.

37 (7) One member appointed by the Attorney General.

38 (8) One member appointed by the Commissioner of the
39 Department of Mental Health.

40 (9) One member appointed by the National Center on
41 Sexual Exploitation.

42 (10) One member appointed by the Alabama Cable and
43 Broadband Association.

44 (11) One member appointed by Children's of Alabama.

45 (12) Any additional member who may be appointed by
46 majority vote of the study commission membership.

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

51 (c) The appointee of the Speaker of the House of
52 Representatives shall call the first meeting of the study
53 commission, at which meeting the members shall elect a chair
54 and a vice chair from among the membership. The study
55 commission may then meet as necessary to conduct business.



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56 (d) (1) The legislative members of the study
57 commission shall be entitled to their legislative
58 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day
59 they attend a meeting of the study commission pursuant to
60 Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

61 (2) The nonlegislative members of the study
62 commission shall serve without compensation but may be
63 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of
64 the study commission pursuant to the policies of their
65 respective appointing authorities.

66 (e) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the
67 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate
68 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the
69 work of the study commission as necessary.

70 (f) The study commission shall study and investigate
71 all related issues and shall draft recommendations for
72 proposed legislation to protect minors from online and
73 technological threats.

74 (g) Not later than the tenth legislative day of the
75 2026 Regular Session, the study commission shall present its
76 findings to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
77 the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate. The study commission
78 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any future duties
79 and liabilities upon presenting its findings.

80 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
81 1975, the study commission shall provide a notice of all
82 meetings, the name of each member serving on the study
83 commission, and a copy of the its findings and any other



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84 documents produced by the study commission throughout its
85 duration to the Secretary of State.

86 (i) Each appointing authority named herein shall be
87 presented a copy of this resolution upon its adoption.



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House of Representatives

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