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

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

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

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

(7) One member appointed by the Attorney General.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) (1) The legislative members of the study commission shall be entitled to their legislative



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57 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day  
58 they attend a meeting of the study commission pursuant to  
59 Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

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

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

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

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

79 (h) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
80 1975, the study commission shall provide a notice of all  
81 meetings, the name of each member serving on the study  
82 commission, and a copy of the its findings and any other  
83 documents produced by the study commission throughout its  
84 duration to the Secretary of State.



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