

HB178 INTRODUCED



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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, two or more city boards of
6 education may not form a consolidated school.

7 This bill would provide a process for two or
8 more city boards of education to form a consolidated
9 school.

10 This bill would also require the State Board of
11 Education to adopt rules as necessary for
12 implementation.

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15 A BILL

16 TO BE ENTITLED

17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to public K-12 education; to provide a process
20 for the creation of a consolidated school by two or more
21 adjoining city boards of education; and to require the State
22 Board of Education to adopt rules.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) The boards of education of two or more
25 adjoining cities, by resolution, may form a consolidated
26 school composed of the territory bounded by the limits set out
27 for each city in the resolution and, if necessary, may also
28 arrange for the transportation of students to and from the



29 consolidated school, subject to this title.

30 (b) The governance and control of a consolidated school
31 shall be vested in the city board of education of the city in
32 which the consolidated school building is located or is to be
33 located, unless otherwise provided by agreement between the
34 city boards of education.

35 (c) The city boards of education which have formed a
36 consolidated school composed of territory lying within more
37 than one city shall apportion funds to the consolidated school
38 in the same manner as apportioned to other schools lying
39 within each city. Funds shall be apportioned pro rata to the
40 consolidated school based on the student population enrolled
41 in and attending the consolidated school from the territory of
42 each city.

43 (d) The consolidation shall not operate to relieve any
44 board of education, or other governing body, of liability for
45 obligations previously incurred, or to impair rights existing
46 before the consolidation. The agreement as to indebtedness
47 shall be binding on the city boards of education authorizing
48 the consolidation. After consolidation, the controlling city
49 board of education may compel the execution of contractual
50 obligations made by either of the authorizing city boards of
51 education related to the consolidation.

52 (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules as
53 necessary to provide for the implementation of this section.

54 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
55 1, 2026.