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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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



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consolidated school, subject to this title.

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

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

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

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

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