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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Board of
9 Education is responsible for developing and
10 adopting curriculum standards to be followed in
11 K-12 schools.

12 This bill would prohibit the State Board of
13 Education from adopting and the State Department of
14 Education from implementing the Common Core
15 Standards developed by the Common Core State
16 Standards Initiative.

17 This bill would clarify that the State Board
18 of Education retains the sole authority to develop
19 and adopt these standards independent of the
20 federal government or other agency or entity
21 outside of the state.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 Relating to curriculum standards; to clarify that
2 the State Board of Education retains the sole authority to
3 develop and adopt curriculum standards independent of the
4 federal government or other agency or entity outside of the
5 state.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) The adoption and funding of the
8 Common Core State Standards Initiative are hereby repealed.

9 (b) The State Board of Education shall not adopt,
10 and the Department of Education shall not implement, the
11 Common Core State Standards as provided by the Common Core
12 State Standards Initiative. Any actions taken to adopt or
13 implement the Common Core State Standards at the state or
14 district level as of the effective date of this act are void
15 ab initio.

16 Section 2. The State Board of Education shall retain
17 sole control over the development and adoption of curriculum
18 standards to be used in the schools in the state. The State
19 Board of Education may not cede any of its rights or authority
20 to develop such standards to the United States Department of
21 Education or any other entity or agency outside of the state,
22 and shall act independently regardless of any directive or
23 initiative proposed or recommended to the board by an entity
24 outside of the state.

25 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
26 first day of the third month following its passage and
27 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

