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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit any public two-year
9 or four-year institution of higher education in the
10 state from granting tenure to any person with
11 academic credentials that include one or more
12 degrees from an unaccredited institution of higher
13 education.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to public two-year and four-year
20 institutions of higher education; to prohibit the grant of
21 tenure to any person with academic credentials that include
22 one or more degrees from an unaccredited institution of higher
23 education.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) Any provision of law to the contrary
26 notwithstanding, no person employed by a two-year or four-year
27 institution of higher education in the state may be granted

1 tenure at the institution if his or her academic credentials
2 include, as a basis for the grant of tenure, one or more
3 degrees or diplomas awarded by an institution of higher
4 education that was not accredited at the time of the award.

5 (b) The boards of trustees of each two-year and
6 four-year institution of higher education in the state shall
7 adopt rules and guidelines necessary to implement this
8 section.

9 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that
10 constitutionally created boards of trustees comply with the
11 requirements of this section.

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.