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8 CREATING THE COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS JOINT INTERIM
9 LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE.

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11 WHEREAS, the costs of collegiate athletics has
12 continually outpaced revenue generated at many public colleges
13 and universities; and

14 WHEREAS, the general student population enrolled at
15 these public colleges and universities has been forced to
16 cover the resulting deficit spending, without added benefit,
17 through annual increases in tuition and fees, which in turn
18 has generated increased student loan debt and longer repayment
19 schedules; and

20 WHEREAS, this trend, including growing national
21 concern over the prohibitive cost of a college education and
22 skyrocketing student debt, has been well-documented recently
23 by many national news and media outlets; and

24 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that this body
25 examine viable options for providing a more affordable college
26 education with less debt; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Collegiate Athletics Joint
3 Interim Legislative Study Committee is created. The committee
4 shall be composed of three members of each house, to be
5 appointed by the presiding officer of each house. The
6 appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments to
7 assure the committee is inclusive and reflects the racial,
8 gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of
9 the state. The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be
10 elected at the first meeting by the members of the committee.
11 With the cooperation of public college and university
12 presidents and athletic directors in the state, and other
13 employees and officials of the concerned colleges and
14 universities as the committee deems relevant, the committee
15 shall study all facets of the costs of collegiate athletics on
16 the general student population at all public colleges and
17 universities, excluding those colleges and universities within
18 the University of Alabama System and the Auburn University
19 System.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon the request of the
21 chair, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House
22 of Representatives shall provide necessary clerical assistance
23 for the work of the committee. The committee shall report its
24 findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature
25 not later than the fifth legislative day of the 2017 Regular
26 Session, whereupon the committee shall stand dissolved and
27 discharged of any further duties and liabilities. Each member

1 of the committee shall be entitled to his or her regular
2 legislative compensation, his or her per diem, and travel
3 expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of the
4 committee. Upon requisitions signed by the chair of the
5 committee, these payments shall be paid out of any funds
6 appropriated to the use of the Legislature by means of
7 warrants drawn by the Comptroller on the State Treasury.
8 Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member shall receive
9 additional legislative compensation or per diem when the
10 Legislature is in session or if a member is being paid any
11 other payments on the same dates for attendance on other state
12 business. The total expenditures of the committee shall not
13 exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).