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8 ENCOURAGING THE ALABAMA COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
9 EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR A PERMANENT  
10 COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY FUNDING.  
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12 WHEREAS, Alabama's public universities are a  
13 powerful engine for economic development, a proven recruitment  
14 tool for global industrial expansion and job creation, as well  
15 as an enduring source of great pride for the citizens of our  
16 state; and

17 WHEREAS, the current higher education funding  
18 formula is not viewed by the Legislature, Alabama's  
19 universities, or the Alabama Commission on Higher Education as  
20 a viable tool in making funding decisions; and

21 WHEREAS, state funding recommendations for higher  
22 education should be transparent, formula driven, and  
23 reflective of the priorities and needs of the State of  
24 Alabama; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That the Alabama Commission on  
27 Higher Education is strongly encouraged to establish and

1 provide support for a Permanent Committee on University  
2 Funding, composed of the presidents of Alabama's four-year  
3 public universities or their designees. The committee should  
4 be chaired by a university president and charged with  
5 developing a higher education funding formula that  
6 incorporates the best practices of states with successfully  
7 functioning models. Further, the committee should develop a  
8 formula that provides incentives for achieving benchmarks  
9 appropriate to the currently defined missions of Alabama  
10 universities, including student matriculation and persistence,  
11 degree attainment in critical areas, student outcomes,  
12 weighted credit hour production, as well as measurable  
13 research and public service productivity. The formula should  
14 be completed and presented to the Alabama Commission on Higher  
15 Education no later than June 2014 and should be used as the  
16 basis for the FY2016 Consolidated Budget Recommendation.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in the second and  
18 fourth years of each quadrennium, the committee should  
19 reconvene to review and update the formula.