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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a candidate for
9 appointment to the position of State Superintendent
10 of Education is required to be of good moral
11 character, with academic and professional education
12 equivalent to graduation from a standard university
13 or college, who is knowledgeable in school
14 administration, and has training and experience
15 sufficient to qualify him or her to perform the
16 duties of the office.

17 This bill would require a candidate for
18 appointment to the position of State Superintendent
19 of Education to possess qualifications similar to
20 those required of a candidate for the position of
21 county superintendent of education.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 16-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975,
2 relating to the qualifications of the State Superintendent of
3 Education; to require a candidate for appointment to hold an
4 Alabama certificate in administration and supervision, have at
5 least five years of experience in public school work, and
6 provide proof to the State Board of Education of at least
7 three years of successful educational experience during the
8 five years next preceding appointment and a degree from a
9 recognized four-year college or university.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 16-4-1 of the Code of Alabama
12 1975, is amended to read as follows:

13 "§16-4-1.

14 "(a) As the chief executive officer of the State
15 Department of Education there shall be a State Superintendent
16 of Education, who shall be appointed by the State Board of
17 Education and shall serve at the pleasure of the State Board
18 of Education; provided, however that the State Board of
19 Education may enter into a contract with the State
20 Superintendent of Education for his or her services for a
21 period not to exceed four years.

22 "(b) The State Superintendent of Education shall be
23 ~~a person of good moral character, with academic and~~
24 ~~professional education equivalent to graduation from a~~
25 ~~standard university or college, who is knowledgeable in school~~
26 ~~administration and has training and experience sufficient to~~
27 ~~qualify him to perform the duties of his office.~~ chosen for

1 his or her general fitness and character and shall be a person
2 of recognized ability as a school administrator. No person
3 shall be eligible for appointment by the State Board of
4 Education unless he or she satisfies all of the following
5 qualifications:

6 "(1) Holds an Alabama certificate in administration
7 and supervision based upon requirements established by the
8 State Board of Education for the certificate.

9 "(2) Has had not less than five years of experience
10 in public school work at the time he or she assumes office.

11 "(3) Submits proof to the board of at least three
12 years of successful educational experience as a teacher,
13 principal, supervisor, superintendent, educational
14 administrator, or instructor in school administration during
15 the five years next preceding appointment.

16 "(4) Submits proof to the board that he or she holds
17 a degree from a recognized four-year college or university.

18 "(5) Submits proof to the board that he or she is
19 knowledgeable in school administration.

20 "(c) The salary of the State Superintendent of
21 Education shall be such amount per annum as shall be set by
22 the State Board of Education in an amount within the range now
23 or hereafter established by law, to be paid in installments
24 from the annual appropriation of the State Department of
25 Education."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.