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1	Enrolled, An Act,
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4	SJR CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON
5	RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES.
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7	WHEREAS, technology is rapidly changing at an
8	astonishing pace; in the past few years, staying current in
9	the constantly changing and innovative world of technology
10	is necessary and can be very expensive; and
11	WHEREAS, for our future workforce to remain
12	competitive, our public K-12 and two-year and four-year
13	institutions of higher education must keep pace academically
14	with rapid technological change, often with limited budgets;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, the responsible and judicious investment of
17	state funds on behalf of Alabama taxpayers is imperative for
18	the efficient and effective operation of state agencies; now
19	therefore,
20	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
21	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint
22	Interim Study Commission on Responsible Technology Purchases
23	to examine the short-term and long-term fiscal impact of the
24	significant increase in mass technology purchases and to

25 recommend new methods of addressing any potential economic,



- 26 privacy, and environmental impacts of those purchases.
- 27 (a) The membership of the commission shall consist of
- 28 all of the following:
- 29 (1) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or
- 30 her designee.
- 31 (2) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College
- 32 System, or his or her designee.
- 33 (3) The Executive Director of the Alabama Commission
- on Higher Education, or his or her designee.
- 35 (4) The Chair of the Senate Education Policy
- 36 Committee, or his or her designee.
- 37 (5) The Chair of the House Education Policy
- 38 Committee, or his or her designee.
- 39 (6) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
- 40 Education Committee, or his or her designee.
- 41 (7) The Chair of the House Ways and Means Education
- 42 Committee, or his or her designee.
- 43 (8) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
- 44 General Fund Committee, or his or her designee.
- 45 (9) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General
- 46 Fund Committee, or his or her designee.
- 47 (10) The Senate Minority Leader, or his or her
- 48 designee.
- 49 (11) The House of Representatives Minority Leader, or
- 50 his or her designee.



- 51 (12) The State Finance Director, or his or her 52 designee.
- 53 (13) An educational, hardware technology specialist 54 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.
- (b) The designating and appointing authorities shall coordinate their designations and appointments to assure commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

- (c) The Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation

 Education Committee and the House Ways and Means Education

 Committee shall serve as cochairs of the commission. The

 commission shall meet as soon as practical at a time and

 place set by the chairs. Notice of the meetings of the

 commission shall be provided in a manner consistent with the

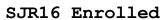
 rules of the Legislature pertaining to interim committees.
- (d) In addition to reviewing the existing methods and processes for mass technology purchases, the commission shall consider the viability of establishing and implementing a model total cost of ownership (TCO) matrix or calculator for public K-12 and higher education and state government agencies to utilize when making large purchases of technology. In designing a simple and straightforward model template for a TCO matrix or calculator, the commission should take into consideration all of the



- 76 following factors:
- 77 (1) Residual or resale value of devices versus
- 78 initial costs.
- 79 (2) Leasing and fair market value financing options.
- 80 (3) End-of-life device buyback options.
- 81 (4) Sustainability plans for future refreshes.
- 82 (5) Environmental impact of end-of-use disposal
- 83 methods.
- 84 (6) Data privacy assurances at end-of-life.
- 85 (e) The Senate and the Legislative Services Agency
- 86 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the
- 87 commission to perform its duties.
- 88 (f)(1) The Legislative members of the commission
- 89 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per
- 90 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting
- 91 of the commission in accordance with Section 49 of the
- 92 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.
- 93 (2) Other members of the commission may be reimbursed
- 94 for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the
- 95 commission according to policies and procedures of their
- 96 respective appointing authorities.
- 97 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
- 98 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State
- 99 a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on
- 100 the commission, and a copy of its findings and other



101	documents produced throughout the duration of the
102	commission.
103	(h) The commission shall report its findings to the
104	Legislature, along with proposed legislation, and publish
105	its final report on the website of the Legislature not later
106	than January 1, 2024, at which time the commission shall
107	stand dissolved.





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