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SR\_\_\_\_\_ ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY  
K-12 SCHOOL EDUCATION FUNDING.

WHEREAS, On April 30, 2024, the Governor signed  
SJR61, enacted as Act 2024-128, requiring the Legislature of  
Alabama to conduct a study on modernizing K-12 education  
funding; and

WHEREAS, Act 2024-128 provides compelling reasons  
that justify the need for a legislative study on modernizing  
K-12 education funding, including a need for greater  
flexibility in the coordination of state education funding  
priorities with the local needs of students, teachers, and  
administrators, and whether this need could be better served  
by transitioning from a resource-based funding model to one  
that is student-based and provides greater flexibility; and

WHEREAS, this body finds that the members of the  
Finance and Taxation Education Standing Committee of the  
Senate, along with members of the Ways and Means Education  
Standing Committee of the House of Representatives, are in  
the best position to undertake this study; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
ALABAMA, That the Legislative Study Commission on  
Modernizing K-12 School Education Funding is created to  
study modernizing the current K-12 school funding model.



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28 (a) The Legislative Study Commission on Modernizing  
29 K-12 School Education Funding shall be comprised of all  
30 members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Education  
31 Standing Committee, along with all members of the House of  
32 Representatives Ways and Means Education Standing Committee.

33 (b) The legislative study commission shall focus on  
34 the possibility of transitioning from a resource-based model  
35 of education funding to a model that provides greater  
36 flexibility and is based on the specific needs of students.  
37 The work of the legislative study commission may include,  
38 but not be limited to:

39 (1) Studying the projected costs and budget impact of  
40 a transition.

41 (2) Studying the associated changes in the tax and  
42 revenue framework that may be required to fund and maintain  
43 a transition.

44 (3) Studying the changes in law required to adopt a  
45 model of student-based education funding.

46 (4) If a specific pathway to modernize education  
47 school funding is endorsed by the legislative study  
48 commission, developing proposed legislation to effect the  
49 transition.

50 (c) The chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation  
51 Education Standing Committee shall serve as a cochair along  
52 with the chair of the House of Representatives Ways and  
53 Means Education Standing Committee. Meetings shall be held  
54 at the call of either cochair as necessary to conduct  
55 business.



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56           (d) The Fiscal Division of the Legislative Services  
57 Agency, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the  
58 Secretary of the Senate shall provide administrative and  
59 other assistance for the work of the legislative study  
60 commission as necessary.

61           (e) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
62 1975, the Legislative Study Commission on Modernizing K-12  
63 School Education Funding shall provide to the Secretary of  
64 State a notice of all meetings, the name of each member  
65 serving on the legislative study commission, and a copy of  
66 all reports and written recommendations produced throughout  
67 the duration of the legislative study commission.

68           (f) Members of the legislative study commission shall  
69 be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and  
70 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the  
71 legislative study commission pursuant to Section 49 of the  
72 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

73           (g) The Legislative Study Commission on Modernizing  
74 K-12 School Education Funding shall prepare a report of its  
75 findings, conclusions, and recommendations for any proposed  
76 legislation, as it deems appropriate, to the Legislature no  
77 later than February 1, 2025, at which time the legislative  
78 study commission shall stand dissolved and discharged of any  
79 future duties.

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