- 1 HB229
- 2 165143-2
- 3 By Representatives Daniels, Patterson, Williams (P), Black,
- 4 Morrow, Beech, McCampbell, Rowe, Ledbetter, Whorton (R), Ball,
- 5 Robinson, Hall and Farley
- 6 RFD: Education Policy
- 7 First Read: 10-MAR-15

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To create the Alabama Office of the State
9	Climatologist within the University of Alabama in Huntsville;
10	and to authorize the Alabama Office of the State Climatologist
11	to research and provide information and other services
12	relating to the climate of the state to agencies, businesses,
13	and the public on climate matters and economic development.
14	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
15	Section 1. There is created the Alabama Office of
16	the State Climatologist within the University of Alabama in
17	Huntsville. The administration and management of the Office of
18	the State Climatologist shall be under the direction of the
19	State Climatologist, who shall be a qualified faculty member
20	of the University of Alabama in Huntsville appointed by the
21	Governor. The Office of the State Climatologist shall may in a
22	joint operation of Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical
23	University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville provide
24	weather and climate information to the public and private
25	interests to improve decision making activities that affect
26	the quality of life and economy of the state. The State

Climatologist shall operate the office in a manner that meets $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1$

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- or exceeds the standards and level of service required for
- 2 recognition by the American Association of State
- 3 Climatologists or an appropriate successor organization.
- 4 Section 2. The Office of the State Climatologist
- 5 shall do all of the following:

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- 6 (1) Maintain descriptions of and information on the 7 climate of the state, including the atmospheric conditions and
- 8 levels of precipitation and drought assessments.
- 9 (2) Publish his or her findings concerning the 10 climate in this state at least quarterly.
- 11 (3) Provide technical support to economic 12 development projects within the state.
- Section 3. The Office of the State Climatologist may do any of the following:
- 15 (1) Investigate, describe, and interpret the
 16 characteristics of the weather and climate of the state,
 17 including their hazards and limitations.
 - (2) Coordinate with state and federal agencies on matters concerning weather data acquisition, collection, integration, and storage.
 - (3) Monitor federal climate-related activities to assure that the interests of the state are being served.
 - (4) Publish bulletins, circulars, maps, or reports of the results of research and investigations undertaken by the office, and distribute them to state agencies, government officials, industry, and the public.

1 (5) Provide lectures, talks, displays, or exhibits 2 on the climate of the state for the general education of the 3 public.

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(6) Enter into cooperative arrangements with local, state, and federal government agencies, universities, and businesses engaged in climate-related research and services.

Section 4. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives	
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Education Policy	R-15
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar	R-15
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended 28-AF Yeas 102, Nays 0, Abstains 0	R-15
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