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4 RFD: Rules
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8 SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE FURTHERANCE OF
9 AGREEMENTS TO IMPROVE SUPPORT SERVICES DESIGNED TO DETECT AND
10 TREAT MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS FOR ALABAMA'S STUDENTS.
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12 WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, a mass shooting took
13 place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut,
14 resulting in the death of 20 students and six personnel; and

15 WHEREAS, the tragedy in Newtown is, unfortunately,
16 only the most recent in a trail of shootings at our schools
17 across the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a responsibility
19 to make sure that our schools across Alabama are as safe,
20 secure, and protected as possible; and

21 WHEREAS, the earlier psychological and emotional
22 problems can be detected and treated in those in need, the
23 less likely that such persons will ever engage in violent
24 behavior; and

25 WHEREAS, teachers and school administrators should
26 be knowledgeable of and able to identify signs and symptoms of

1 students who may be in need of evaluation and treatment and
2 immediately report these concerns to the proper officials; now
3 therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
5 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support and encourage the
6 furtherance of agreements between the Alabama Department of
7 Mental Health and the Alabama State Department of Education
8 that would increase support services offered at each school in
9 terms of early detection and treatment of psychological and
10 emotional disorders.

11 RESOLVED FURTHER, That we recommend that the
12 Department of Education work in unison with the various family
13 resource centers to provide additional support that will
14 assist school districts in developing and implementing
15 strategies that can be used to improve the social and
16 emotional well-being of students.

17 RESOLVED FURTHER, That we recommend that the
18 Department of Education create continuing education programs
19 for teachers that will allow them to stay informed of
20 techniques and strategies designed to recognize signs of
21 potential emotional and psychological problems in students.