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8 ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR IMPROVING EDUCATION IN
9 ALABAMA BY THE YEAR 2021.

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11 WHEREAS, the best foundation for a healthy state
12 economy is a well-balanced, coordinated, and appropriate
13 system of education; and

14 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon and the responsibility
15 of the Governor, Legislature, Secretary of the Department of
16 Early Childhood Education, State Superintendent of Education,
17 Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, and the
18 presidents of the public institutions of higher education in
19 the state to coordinate efforts in enacting effective
20 statutory law and promulgating effective administrative rules
21 with the goal of improving the quality of education in
22 Alabama; and

23 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon and the responsibility
24 of each local board of education, local superintendent of
25 education, principal, administrator, teacher, and public
26 education employee to assist in implementing measures and
27 goals adopted at the state level; and

1 WHEREAS, goals for improving the quality of
2 education throughout the state should be continually
3 reevaluated and revised to address advances in technology,
4 fluctuating requirements of higher education, and changing
5 workforce needs of the state; now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That before the first day of the
8 2018 Regular Session, the Secretary of the Department of Early
9 Childhood Education, State Superintendent of Education,
10 Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, and the
11 presidents of the public institutions of higher education in
12 the state shall produce and submit to the Chair of the House
13 Education Policy Committee and the Chair of the Senate
14 Education and Youth Affairs Committee, plans that include
15 objectives, strategies, indicators, and benchmarks for
16 education in the state to satisfy the following goals, as
17 applicable, before the year 2021:

18 (1) Increase the availability of voluntary access to
19 Pre-K for all children to 70 percent.

20 (2) Ninety percent of students in the fourth and
21 eighth grades scoring at or above basic level in reading,
22 math, and science on the National Assessment of Educational
23 Progress (NAEP).

24 (3) A 50 percent reduction in remediation rates for
25 high school graduates.

26 (4) A 40 percent increase in industry recognized
27 certifications.

(5) A 10 percent increase in the number of bachelor's degrees awarded.

(6) A five percent increase in the number of master's degrees awarded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to each of the reporting entities so that they are formally informed of our expectations regarding this matter and our firm determination to closely and fully implement goals for improving education in this state.