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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.

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

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

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