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3 By Senator Marsh
4 RFD:
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URGING THE GOVERNOR TO IMPLEMENT THE PAPERWORK
REDUCTION COMMITTEE CREATED IN ACT 2001-475.

WHEREAS, as expressed by the Legislature in Act
2001-475, 2001 Regular Session, now appearing as Section
16-16B-11, Code of Alabama 1975, the excessive paperwork
required of teachers and other public education employees
hinders the prime responsibility of public education: The
education of the children of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, excessive and time-consuming reporting
requirements levied on school systems requires automation in
order for timely reporting to occur; the excessive paperwork
required of teachers has become more burdensome since the
initial creation of the committee, and that teachers continue
to not have adequate time to prepare lesson plans or to devote
individual attention to those students who require special
assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature created the Paperwork
Reduction Committee in Act 2001-475, to study the paperwork
required of public school employees and prepare a report to

1 the State Superintendent of Education and the Legislature on
2 how to reduce and automate that paperwork for the benefit of
3 education; to date this committee has not been implemented,
4 and the intent of the Legislature has not been accomplished;
5 now therefore,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Governor and the Alabama
8 Education Association are strongly urged to appoint members to
9 the Paperwork Reduction Committee and the Governor is further
10 urged to implement and administer all required duties and
11 responsibilities included in Act 2001-475, including a report
12 to the State Superintendent of Education and the Legislature
13 on how to effectively reduce and automate teacher paperwork
14 for the benefit of education.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
16 resolution be provided to the Governor and the Executive
17 Director of the Alabama Education Association, so that the
18 strong sentiments of this body may be known.