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8 URGING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL BOARDS  
9 OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF DRINKING  
10 FOUNTAINS, WATER COOLERS, OR WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS IN  
11 PUBLIC K-12 SCHOOLS.

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13 WHEREAS, drinking water plays an important role in  
14 maintaining a child's overall health; and

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WHEREAS, drinking water can positively impact a  
16 child's cognitive performance; and

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WHEREAS, drinking water can improve a child's fine  
18 motor skills and visual attention, which helps with learning  
19 activities such as reading; and

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WHEREAS, drinking water can help a child maintain a  
21 healthy weight; now therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
23 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State Board of Education  
24 and local boards of education are strongly urged to require  
25 the installation, in public K-12 school buildings, of a  
26 minimum of one drinking fountain, water cooler, or water  
27 bottle filling station, which will dispense cooled and

1                   filtered drinking water and be regularly cleaned and  
2                   maintained, per 100 individuals projected to occupy the  
3                   building.

4                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Board of  
5                   Education and local boards of education are urged to require  
6                   all of the following:

7                   (a) The placement of drinking fountains, water  
8                   coolers, or water bottle filling stations in common areas of  
9                   public K-12 school buildings, including, but not limited to:  
10                  Hallways; cafeterias; gymnasiums; outdoor physical activity  
11                  spaces; and faculty lounges.

12                  (b) Any drinking fountains, water coolers, and water  
13                  bottle filling stations provided in public K-12 schools to be  
14                  accessible to all individuals, regardless of age, ability, or  
15                  disability.

16                  (c) Public K-12 schools to allow students, teachers,  
17                  and staff to use water bottles anywhere it is safe to have or  
18                  consume drinking water.

19                  (d) Public K-12 schools to provide access to  
20                  drinking water and cups or other drinking containers during  
21                  mealtimes.

22                  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Department of  
23                  Education is urged to provide adequate funding for local  
24                  boards of education to provide drinking fountains, water  
25                  coolers, and water bottle filling stations in public K-12  
26                  schools.

1                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this  
2 resolution shall be provided to the State Superintendent of  
3 Education and each member of the State Board of Education as  
4 an expression of our intent.