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4 ENROLLED, SJR91,

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 maintained, per 100 individuals projected to occupy the
2 building.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Coleman-Madison