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4 SJR___ CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON
5 RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES BY PUBLIC EDUCATION.
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7 WHEREAS, technology is rapidly changing at an
8 astonishing pace; in the past few years, staying current in
9 the constantly changing and innovative world of technology
10 is necessary and can be very expensive; and

11 WHEREAS, for our future workforce to remain
12 competitive, our public K-12 and two-year and four-year
13 institutions of higher education must keep pace academically
14 with rapid technological change, often with limited budgets;
15 now therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
17 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint
18 Interim Study Commission on Responsible Technology Purchases
19 by Public Education to examine the short-term and long-term
20 fiscal impact of the significant increase in mass technology
21 purchases and to recommend new methods of addressing any
22 potential economic, privacy, and environmental impacts of
23 those purchases.

24 (a) The membership of the commission shall consist of
25 all of the following:

26 (1) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or
27 her designee.

28 (2) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College



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29 System, or his or her designee.

30 (3) The Executive Director of the Alabama Commission
31 on Higher Education, or his or her designee.

32 (4) The Chair of the Senate Education Policy
33 Committee, or his or her designee.

34 (5) The Chair of the House Education Policy
35 Committee, or his or her designee.

36 (6) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation
37 Education Committee, or his or her designee.

38 (7) The Chair of the House Ways and Means Education
39 Committee, or his or her designee.

40 (8) The Senate Minority Leader, or his or her
41 designee.

42 (9) The House of Representatives Minority Leader, or
43 his or her designee.

44 (10) The State Finance Director, or his or her
45 designee.

46 (11) An educational, hardware technology specialist
47 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

48 (b) The designating and appointing authorities shall
49 coordinate their designations and appointments to assure
50 commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial,
51 gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of
52 the state.

53 (c) The Governor shall serve as chair of the
54 commission. The commission shall meet as soon as practical
55 at a time and place set by the Governor. Notice of the
56 meetings of the commission shall be provided in a manner



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57 consistent with the rules of the Legislature pertaining to
58 interim committees.

59 (d) In addition to reviewing the existing methods and
60 processes for mass technology purchases, the commission
61 shall consider the viability of establishing and
62 implementing a model total cost of ownership (TCO) matrix or
63 calculator for public K-12 and higher education to utilize
64 when making large purchases of technology. In designing a
65 simple and straightforward model template for a TCO matrix
66 or calculator, the commission should take into consideration
67 all of the following factors:

68 (1) Residual or resale value of devices versus
69 initial costs.

70 (2) Leasing and fair market value financing options.

71 (3) End-of-life device buyback options.

72 (4) Sustainability plans for future refreshes.

73 (5) Environmental impact of end-of-use disposal
74 methods.

75 (6) Data privacy assurances at end-of-life.

76 (e) The Senate and the Legislative Services Agency
77 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the
78 commission to perform its duties.

79 (f) (1) The Legislative members of the commission
80 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per
81 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting
82 of the commission in accordance with Section 49 of the
83 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

84 (2) Other members of the commission may be reimbursed



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85 for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the
86 commission according to policies and procedures of their
87 respective appointing authorities.

88 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
89 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State
90 a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on
91 the commission, and a copy of its findings and other
92 documents produced throughout the duration of the
93 commission.

94 (h) The commission shall report its findings to the
95 Legislature, along with proposed legislation, and publish
96 its final report on the website of the Legislature not later
97 than January 1, 2025, at which time the commission shall
98 stand dissolved.