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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Board of
9 Education is required to establish curriculum
10 standards for all K-12 public schools.

11 This bill would terminate the adoption and
12 implementation of the standards commonly known as
13 the Common Core Standards, also known as the
14 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards (ACCRS).

15 This bill would direct the State Board of
16 Education to replace the Common Core Standards for
17 Math and English Language Arts with the courses of
18 study for Math and English Language Arts in place
19 immediately prior to adoption of the Common Core
20 Standards.

21 This bill would further protect state and
22 local control of education by restricting the State
23 Board of Education from adopting or implementing
24 any other national standards from any source or
25 requiring the use of any assessments aligned with
26 them.

1 A BILL
2 TO BE ENTITLED
3 AN ACT

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5 Relating to public education; to terminate the
6 adoption and implementation of the standards commonly known as
7 the Common Core Standards, also known as the Alabama College
8 and Career Ready Standards, in K-12 public schools; and to
9 direct the State Board of Education to replace the Common Core
10 Standards for Math and English Language Arts with the courses
11 of study in place immediately prior to adoption of the Common
12 Core Standards.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds that the State
15 Board of Education, in the fall of 2013, voted to rescind the
16 Memorandum of Agreement that involved the State of Alabama in
17 adopting the Common Core Standards, which ceded control of
18 Alabama's standards to entities other than the state and local
19 educational agencies, and declared that the collection of
20 personal data concerning students of Alabama public schools
21 would not be collected or compiled.

22 (b) In order to codify the intent of the board, the
23 State of Alabama hereby terminates all plans, programs,
24 activities, efforts, and expenditures relative to the
25 implementation of the educational initiative commonly referred
26 to as the Common Core State Standards, or any derivative or
27 permutation thereof, including, but not limited to, the

1 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards which have been
2 adopted or may be adopted by the board or its employees,
3 including any assessments, data collection, and instructions
4 based on or involving any such standard or protocol.

5 (c) As part of the transition to an improved Alabama
6 standards process, the board shall replace the current Common
7 Core Standards, also known as the Alabama College and Career
8 Ready Standards, with the courses of study for Math in place
9 until May 2011, and for English Language Arts in place until
10 May 2012, both of which were used in classrooms immediately
11 prior to implementation of the Common Core Standards. These
12 standards shall be known as the Transition Standards and shall
13 remain in effect for the 2016-2017 school year.

14 (d) Following existing state law regarding the
15 process for revision of the Alabama Courses of Study, the
16 State Board of Education shall proceed with updating the
17 Transition Standards, based upon the pre-Common Core Standards
18 of the state, whose national scores ranked no less than the
19 top 10 percent in the nation. The resulting improved standards
20 for Math and English Language Arts shall begin in the
21 2017-2018 school year and shall be known as the Alabama Ahead
22 Standards.

23 (e) As part of the termination process, the
24 Legislature directs the State Superintendent of Education, the
25 State Board of Education, and any other public authority to
26 terminate the flexibility waiver agreement with the U.S.
27 Department of Education, pertaining to the federal Elementary

1 and Secondary Education Act, which includes the adoption of
2 the Common Core Standards, also known as the Alabama College
3 and Career Ready Standards, and other areas of federal control
4 of the educational process.

5 (f) The Legislature further prohibits the adoption
6 or implementation of any national standards from any source,
7 or the use of any assessments aligned with them, that cede
8 control of Alabama educational standards in any manner,
9 including, but not limited to, the Next Generation Science
10 Standards, History Standards, Social Studies Standards, or
11 Sexuality Standards.

12 (g) The state shall retain sole control over the
13 development, establishment, and revision of K-12 course of
14 study standards.

15 (h) Any education entity or any state official shall
16 not join any consortium or any other organization when
17 participation in that consortium or organization would cede
18 any measure of control over any aspect of Alabama public
19 education to any such entity.

20 Section 2. Any citizen of the State of Alabama shall
21 have standing in the courts of Alabama to bring suit to ensure
22 the enforcement of this act.

23 Section 3. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.