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RFD: Education Policy

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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a county superintendent of education may be elected if authorized under a local law or amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

This bill would require all county superintendents to be appointed by the county board of education, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to county superintendents of education; to require all county superintendents to be appointed by the county board of education, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; and to provide transition to the appointed office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
Section 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, a county superintendent of education shall be appointed by the county board of education.

(b) This section shall apply at the expiration of the term of office of any elected county superintendent of education or upon a vacancy occurring in the office of an elected county superintendent of education occurring before the expiration of his or her term of office and after January 1, 2023.

(c) Commencing on the effective date of this section, a county board of education may continue the services of an elected superintendent of education as an appointed superintendent of education for an additional term without following the posting and selecting procedures required under Section 16-9-11, Code of Alabama 1975, by appointing and extending the contract between the board and the superintendent. The contract may be executed at any time during the term of office of the elected county superintendent of education. On or before September 1, 2019, for elected county superintendents of education whose terms end in 2020, or September 1, 2021, for elected county superintendents of education whose terms end in 2022, the county board of education shall notify the elected superintendent of whether the board intends to contract with the elected superintendent of education for an additional term pursuant to this subsection.
Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.