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3 By Senator Singleton  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR111,

5 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON  
6 RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES BY PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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8 WHEREAS, technology is rapidly changing at an  
9 astonishing pace; in the past few years, staying current in  
10 the constantly changing and innovative world of technology is  
11 necessary and can be very expensive; and

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

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

1           (a) The membership of the commission shall consist  
2 of all of the following:

3           (1) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or  
4 her designee.

5           (2) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College  
6 System, or his or her designee.

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

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

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

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

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

17           (8) The Senate Minority Leader, or his or her  
18 designee.

19           (9) The House of Representatives Minority Leader, or  
20 his or her designee.

21           (10) The State Finance Director, or his or her  
22 designee.

23           (11) An educational, hardware technology specialist  
24 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

1           (b) Designations shall be coordinated so that  
2 diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is  
3 reflective of the makeup of this state.

4           (c) The Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation  
5 Education Committee and the House Ways and Means Education  
6 Committee shall serve as cochairs of the commission. The  
7 commission shall meet as soon as practical at a time and place  
8 set by the chairs. Notice of the meetings of the commission  
9 shall be provided in a manner consistent with the rules of the  
10 Legislature pertaining to interim committees.

11           (d) In addition to reviewing the existing methods  
12 and processes for mass technology purchases, the commission  
13 shall consider the viability of establishing and implementing  
14 a model total cost of ownership (TCO) matrix or calculator for  
15 public K-12 and higher education to utilize when making large  
16 purchases of technology. In designing a simple and  
17 straightforward model template for a TCO matrix or calculator,  
18 the commission should take into consideration all of the  
19 following factors:

20           (1) Residual or resale value of devices versus  
21 initial costs.

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

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

24           (4) Sustainability plans for future refreshes.

1                   (5) Environmental impact of end-of-use disposal  
2 methods.

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

4                   (e) The Senate and the Legislative Services Agency  
5 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the  
6 commission to perform its duties.

7                   (f) (1) The Legislative members of the commission  
8 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem,  
9 and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the  
10 commission in accordance with Amendment 871 of the  
11 Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

12                   (2) Other members of the commission may be  
13 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the  
14 commission according to policies and procedures of their  
15 respective appointing authorities.

16                   (g) The commission shall report its findings to the  
17 Legislature, along with proposed legislation, and publish its  
18 final report on the website of the Legislature, not later than  
19 January 1, 2022, at which time the commission shall stand  
20 dissolved.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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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, as amended.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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