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By Representatives Collins, Baker, Meadows, Daniels, Chestnut, Scott, Holmes, Sanderford, Ledbetter, Wilcox, Oliver, Whitt, Crawford, Stringer, Isbell, Estes, Wadsworth, Ingram, Reynolds, Brown (K), Brown (C), Wingo, McMillan, Wood (D), Carns, Kiel, Nordgren, Smith, Gaston, Treadaway, Hurst, McCutcheon, Farley, Clarke, Warren, Forte, Drummond, Boyd, Fincher, Coleman and Ball

RFD: Rules

First Read: 25-FEB-21

ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

COMMENDING PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATORS AND ENCOURAGING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the continuing coronavirus pandemic has presented challenges to every individual, and unique challenges to those who are charged with educating our young; and

WHEREAS, Alabama educators are worthy of our praise for their valiant efforts in continuing to provide instruction to our children during the most challenging of circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP), a new statewide assessment for all students in 2nd through 8th grades, originally planned to be administered in spring of 2020, and now planned to be administered in-person in March 2021, is a necessary tool for assessing current student learning and the impact of the pandemic on students and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is predicted that the current uncertain climate in the state may have greatly affected the performance of students, resulting in the consideration of skewed, unreasonable, or biased results by state programs that

recognize high performing schools and penalize low performing schools with letter grades and failing labels; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and applaud all public school educators in the state for bravely continuing to instruct their students during the current pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Department of Education is encouraged to administer, and all school systems and students in the state encouraged to participate in-person in the taking of, the ACAP so that a baseline for the assessment may be accurately established in the state and any learning gaps may be effectively addressed through equitable funding as the state moves forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State Department of Education is also encouraged to take any steps necessary to waive all accountability indicators for the year 2021, including, but not limited to, the Legislative School Performance Recognition Program, the school grading system, the designation of schools as failing schools, and the levy of any penalties against school systems, schools, educators, or students, with the goal of promoting the administration and use of ACAP data to best address instructional needs and move Alabama K-12 students forward toward excellence.

Mac McCutcheon

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was adopted by the House 03-MAR-21.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate 09-MAR-21 Adopted

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Kay Ivey
GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State

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This resolution was referred to the Standing Committee of the Senate on Rules and was acted upon by such committee in Session and by order of the committee returned therefrom with a Favorable report by a vote of Yeas V V Nays Abs this 8 day of March 2021

Chairperson

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE

This resolution having been referred by the House to its standing committee on _____RULES _____ was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom to the HOUSE with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Michael X Chairman