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8 URGING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ELECT TO BECOME
9 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.
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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature enacted the Alabama
12 School Choice and Student Opportunity Act, also known as Act
13 2015-3, on March 19, 2015; and

14 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature wishes to implement
15 high quality charter schools in partnership with local school
16 boards and the Alabama Commission for Public Charter Schools
17 serving as charter school authorizers; and

18 WHEREAS, Act 2015-3 requires local school boards
19 choosing to be authorizers to prepare a substantial and
20 thoughtful written application to the state Department of
21 Education to be an authorizer that includes provisions
22 detailing its capacity and commitment to being a charter
23 school authorizer; its strategic vision for charter schools;
24 its plan for soliciting applicants to govern charter schools;
25 and its performance framework for contracting with, monitoring
26 and evaluating performance of charter schools; and

1 WHEREAS, Act 2015-3 requires the format for the
2 application to be a charter school authorizer to be made
3 available to local school boards by June 1, 2015, and also
4 requires school boards choosing to be charter school
5 authorizers to issue requests for proposals for charter
6 schools within 120 days of enactment or July 17, 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education plans to adopt
8 regulations to implement Act 2015-3 by June 10, 2015; and

9 WHEREAS, the Legislature wants to provide local
10 school systems with the opportunity to thoroughly review and
11 understand guidance from the State Board of Education
12 regarding authorizing so that local school systems can use
13 authorizing as a tool to improve public education; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature wants the Alabama Public
15 Charter School Commission to thoughtfully develop its own
16 rules for its role as an appellate body and high quality
17 charter school authorizer without preventing local school
18 systems from owning and operating their own authorizing
19 process, should they choose to register as authorizers; now
20 therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we hereby urge local boards
23 of education to elect to become charter school authorizers by
24 September 1, 2015.

25 BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That we urge the Alabama
26 Public Charter School Commission to take sufficient time to

1 develop its rules before being required to hear appeals from
2 applications denied at the local level.