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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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby urge local boards of  
23 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.