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8 SR 110 URGING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO GIVE NOTICE BY  
9 SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, WHETHER TO REGISTER OR NOT REGISTER AS  
10 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS.

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13 WHEREAS, Act 2015-3 requires local school boards to  
14 decide whether or not to register as an authorizer, which is  
15 registering as an entity that reviews applications to enter  
16 into charter contracts, approve or reject applications, enter  
17 into charter contracts with applicants, oversee public charter  
18 schools and decide whether to renew, not renew, or revoke  
19 charter contracts; and

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

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1           WHEREAS, Act 2015-3 requires if a local school board  
2 chooses not to register as an authorizer, all applications  
3 seeking to open a startup public charter school within that  
4 local school board's boundaries shall be denied; applicants  
5 wishing to open a public charter school physically located in  
6 that local school system may apply directly to the commission;  
7 and

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

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

16           WHEREAS, the Legislature wants to provide local  
17 school systems with the opportunity to thoroughly review and  
18 understand guidance from the State Board of Education  
19 regarding authorizing; and

20           WHEREAS, the Legislature wants the Alabama Public  
21 Charter School Commission to thoughtfully develop its own  
22 rules for its role as an appellate body and charter school  
23 authorizer without preventing local school systems from owning  
24 and operating their own authorizing process, should they  
25 choose to register as authorizers; now therefore,

26           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF  
27 ALABAMA, That we hereby urge local boards of education to



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1 decide and give notice by September 1, 2015, whether to  
 2 register or not register as charter school authorizers.

3 BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That we urge the Alabama  
 4 Public Charter School Commission to take sufficient time to  
 5 develop its rules before being required to hear appeals from  
 6 applications denied at the local level.

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 PATRICK HARRIS, SECRETARY



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