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3 By Senators Pittman, Beason, Marsh, Blackwell, Glover,  
4 Brewbaker, Ward, Scofield, Smith, and Brooks  
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8 CREATING THE SCHOOL START AND END DATE RESOLUTION OF  
9 2011.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the School Start and End Date  
13 Resolution of 2011 is created and adopted as follows:

14 (a) (1) For the 2011-2012 school year, no elementary  
15 or secondary school under the jurisdiction of the State Board  
16 of Education may begin a new academic year of instruction for  
17 students before August 15. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if  
18 August 15 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, academic instruction  
19 for students may begin on the Monday immediately following  
20 August 15.

21 (2) For the 2012-2013 school year, no elementary or  
22 secondary school under the jurisdiction of the State Board of  
23 Education may begin a new academic year of instruction for  
24 students before August 20. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if  
25 August 20 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, academic instruction  
26 for students may begin on the Monday immediately following  
27 August 20.

1           (3) For the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years,  
2 the latest day of the academic year of instruction for an  
3 elementary or secondary school under the jurisdiction of the  
4 State Board of Education shall be the Friday immediately  
5 before Memorial Day.

6           (b) The State Superintendent of Education may waive  
7 the requirements of subsection (a), upon the request of a  
8 local board of education, on a case-by-case emergency basis.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Public Affairs  
10 Research Council of Alabama, or another independent  
11 educational policy organization as selected by the State Board  
12 of Education, shall study the economic, academic, and social  
13 impact of this act on education in the state, which shall  
14 include, but not be limited to, the satisfaction or  
15 dissatisfaction level of stakeholders with the use of a  
16 uniform school calendar. Upon completion, on or before June 1,  
17 2013, the study shall be submitted to the Legislative Fiscal  
18 Office for independent verification and validation of  
19 findings. A final joint report shall be prepared by the Public  
20 Affairs Research Council of Alabama and the Legislative Fiscal  
21 Office and presented to the Governor and the Legislature  
22 before the 10th legislative day of the 2014 Regular Session.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the provisions of this  
24 resolution shall terminate on December 31, 2013.