HB565

By Representatives Barton, McClurkin and Henry

RFD: Education Policy

First Read: 04-APR-13
SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the State Board of Education is responsible for developing and adopting curriculum standards to be followed in K-12 schools.

This bill would prohibit the State Board of Education from adopting and the State Department of Education from implementing the Common Core Standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative.

This bill would clarify that the State Board of Education retains the sole authority to develop and adopt these standards independent of the federal government or other agency or entity outside of the state.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
Relating to curriculum standards; to clarify that
the State Board of Education retains the sole authority to
develop and adopt curriculum standards independent of the
federal government or other agency or entity outside of the
state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The adoption and funding of the
Common Core State Standards Initiative are hereby repealed.
(b) The State Board of Education shall not adopt,
and the Department of Education shall not implement, the
Common Core State Standards as provided by the Common Core
State Standards Initiative. Any actions taken to adopt or
implement the Common Core State Standards at the state or
district level as of the effective date of this act are void
ab initio.

Section 2. The State Board of Education shall retain
sole control over the development and adoption of curriculum
standards to be used in the schools in the state. The State
Board of Education may not cede any of its rights or authority
to develop such standards to the United States Department of
Education or any other entity or agency outside of the state,
and shall act independently regardless of any directive or
initiative proposed or recommended to the board by an entity
outside of the state.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
first day of the third month following its passage and
approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.