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**ATTORNEY GENERAL STRANGE ANNOUNCES
ALABAMA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT UPHELD BY
ALABAMA SUPREME COURT**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange announced the Alabama Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of the Alabama Accountability Act, reaffirming the right of Alabama parents to choose the schools that are best for their children.

“In their Monday ruling, the Alabama Supreme Court rejected multiple claims from the plaintiffs that the Alabama Accountability Act is unconstitutional,” said Attorney General Strange. “The Supreme Court’s ruling makes it crystal clear that Alabama parents have the right to school choice in seeking the best education for their children.”

The Alabama Supreme Court rejected the lower state court’s May 28, 2014, ruling that the Alabama Accountability Act violated the state’s constitution, including provisions concerning legislative procedure and prohibitions against appropriations of money to non-state charitable, educational or religious institutions, as well as the prohibition against the state advancing religion.

“On June 4, 2014, my office appealed the lower court ruling and obtained a stay pending the outcome of the Alabama Supreme Court’s judgment. I am pleased that after careful consideration the state’s high court agreed that the Alabama Accountability Act is constitutional and unquestionably is the law.

“I wish to commend my legal team for their hard work in successfully defending the Alabama Accountability Act, and I congratulate the parents and organizations who joined the state in supporting the law in court.”

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