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- 2 127186-3
- 3 By Representatives Merrill, Poole, Laird, Moore (B), Jones,
- Baker, Colston, Melton, Grimsley, Tuggle, Farley, Weaver,
- 5 Wallace, Boman, Baughn and Davis
- 6 RFD: Ways and Means Education
- 7 First Read: 10-MAR-11

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Section 40-18-140 of the Code of Alabama
9	1975, relating to income tax refund check-offs, to provide an
10	income tax refund check-off for a contribution to the Alabama
11	Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund.
12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
13	Section 1. Section 40-18-140 of the Code of Alabama
14	1975, is amended to read as follows:
15	"§40-18-140.
16	"(a)(1) Each Alabama resident individual income
17	taxpayer desiring to contribute to any of the programs listed
18	in subsection (b) may designate an amount of his or her
19	refund, rounded off in whole dollars, in an appropriate box on
20	the state income tax return form, to be credited to the
21	program.
22	"(2) All future check-offs, duly enacted by the
23	Legislature subsequent to April 17, 2006, shall be accorded an
24	appropriate box on the state income tax return forms, subject
25	to the terms and conditions prescribed herein, without the
26	requirement that they be added by amendment to this section.

"(b) Contributions received for the following authorized charitable and nonpolitical income tax check-off recipients, less costs of administration to the Department of Revenue not to exceed five percent, shall be distributed and appropriated as provided herein:

- "(1) Contributions to the Alabama Aging Program shall be deposited with the State Treasurer into the Alabama Senior Services Trust Fund for preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and enhancing the abilities of aging citizens to remain independent, under the auspices of the Department of Senior Services.
- "(2) Contributions to the Arts Development Fund shall be deposited into the General Fund of the State Treasury, to be appropriated to the Council on the Arts and Humanities to fund grants to tax exempt organizations or associations to encourage development of high quality and artistically significant arts activities or cultural facilities in local areas and shall be distributed in accordance with Article 3, commencing with Section 41-9-40, Chapter 9, Title 41.
- "(3) Contributions to Alabama Nongame Wildlife
 Program shall be deposited in the Alabama Nongame Wildlife
 Fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Game and Fish
 Fund to be used exclusively for purposes of preserving,
 protecting, perpetuating, and enhancing nongame wildlife in
 this state. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to

give any rights of condemnation to the Department of
Conservation and Natural Resources.

- "(4) Contributions to the Children's Trust Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer into the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board Operations Fund, as provided for under Section 26-16-30.
- "(5) Contributions to the Alabama Veterans' Program shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be used exclusively for purposes of providing nursing home and health care for aged and disabled veterans in this state.
- "(6) Contributions to the Alabama Indian Children's Scholarship Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for distribution to the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission for educational scholarships.
- "(7) Contributions to the Penny Trust Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for distribution according to Section 41-15A-2.
- "(8) Contributions to the Foster Care Trust Fund, established under Sections 38-10-50 and 38-10-51, shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to be continuously appropriated to the Department of Human Resources to assist all children in temporary or permanent custody in foster care.
- "(9) Contributions designated for mental health on the Alabama state resident individual income tax return shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and shall be distributed

- equally to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Alabama and to the Mental Health Consumers of Alabama.
- "(10) Contributions to the Alabama Breast and

 Cervical Cancer Research Program shall be deposited with the

 State Treasurer and distributed to the University of Alabama

 at Birmingham, which shall implement and administer the

 program.
- "(11) Contributions to the Neighbors Helping

 Neighbors Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for

 distribution by the Department of Economic and Community

 Affairs for weatherization assistance as provided for under

 Article 6, commencing with Section 41-23-100, Chapter 23,

 Title 41.

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- "(12) Contributions to the Alabama 4-H Club Foundation, Incorporated, shall be deposited with the State Treasurer and distributed to the Alabama 4-H Club Foundation, Incorporated.
- "(13) Contributions to the Alabama Organ Center Donor Awareness Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for distribution to the fund.
- "(14) Contributions to the Alabama National Guard Foundation, Incorporated, shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for distribution to the fund.
 - "(15) Contributions to the Cancer Research Institute shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for distribution to the institute.

"(16) Contributions to the Alabama State Historic
Preservation Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer
for distribution to the fund, as provided for in Section
41-9-255.

"(17) Contributions to the Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund shall be deposited with the State Treasurer for distribution to the fund.

"(c) In the event that three years after adoption, a check-off authorized under subsection (b) or subdivision (2) of subsection (a) fails to achieve average annual gross contributions of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for a subsequent three-year period, its name will be dropped from the state income tax return forms for the succeeding tax year and its original authorization shall be effectively repealed."

Section 2. This act shall become effective for tax years beginning after December 31, 2012, and thereafter, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Ways and Means Education
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 24-MAR-11
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended 06-APR-11 Yeas 87, Nays 0, Abstains 0
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