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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the Department of  
9 Finance to produce monthly reports on the condition  
10 of the State General Fund and the Education Trust  
11 Fund.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT  
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17 To require the Department of Finance to produce  
18 monthly reports on the condition of the State General Fund and  
19 the Education Trust Fund.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. (a) The Alabama Department of Finance  
22 shall produce monthly financial reports. It is the intent of  
23 the Legislature that the monthly reports shall increase the  
24 transparency of state finances and, when conditions emerge  
25 that make budget proration likely, provide advance notice to  
26 the affected agencies of government so that they can prepare  
27 as much as possible for its impact on their operations.

1 (b) The monthly reports shall provide information on  
2 the State General Fund and the Education Trust Fund. Each  
3 monthly report shall be released no later than the final day  
4 of the month following the month covered by that report. Each  
5 monthly report shall be published in a prominent location on  
6 the Department of Finance web site to provide broad public  
7 access to the document.

8 (c) The monthly reports shall include at least the  
9 following information on the fiscal condition of the fund  
10 being reported:

11 (1) The beginning fund balance at the start of the  
12 fiscal year, including reversions and other amounts carried  
13 forward from prior years.

14 (2) The forecast of revenues expected to be received  
15 during the fiscal year, including receipts from all sources.  
16 The forecast shall include an estimate of each revenue source  
17 to the fund, except that revenue sources which represent less  
18 than one percent of the fund total may be combined into one  
19 category.

20 (3) Any adjustments to the forecast that result in  
21 the expectation of material increases or decreases in any  
22 revenue source or any one-time revenue sources, together with  
23 the amounts of the adjustments.

24 (4) The annual total of resources expected to be  
25 available for the year, as of the month covered by the report,  
26 considering the beginning balance, official revenue forecast,

1 and all material adjustments to the forecast of expected  
2 revenues.

3 (5) The total expenditures authorized by law to be  
4 made from the fund during the fiscal year being reported.  
5 These expenditures shall include the amounts in original  
6 appropriations acts, any supplemental appropriations enacted,  
7 and any other acts that appropriate resources from the Fund  
8 during the fiscal year, including laws that create continuing  
9 appropriations. In addition, the expenditures shall reflect  
10 any reductions in the amounts appropriated due to any  
11 proration or spending plan changes.

12 (6) The projected ending balance in the fund as of  
13 the last day of the fiscal year.

14 (7) The year-to-date expenditures from the fund by  
15 department, agency, or function.

16 (8) A statement of actual and year-to-date revenue  
17 collections for each revenue source, including a comparison  
18 with prior year amounts and with the most recent estimates by  
19 the Department of Finance.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.