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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow state and local public
9 entities to donate funds, property, equipment, or
10 other things of value to organized search, air, and
11 rescue squads.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT
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17 To amend Section 9-3-18, Code of Alabama 1975, as
18 last amended by Act 2012-555 of the 2012 Regular Session,
19 relating to the donation of funds, equipment, property, and
20 things of value by state and local governmental entities; to
21 specifically authorize such donations to organized volunteer
22 search, air, and rescue squads.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 9-3-18, Code of Alabama 1975, as
25 last amended by Act 2012-555 of the 2012 Regular Session, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§9-3-18.

1 "(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that this
2 section provides assistance to organized volunteer fire
3 departments and organized search, air, and rescue squads
4 including South Alabama Air Rescue, Incorporated, and other
5 nonprofit organizations which provide search, air, or rescue
6 services to the public. The Legislature deems these
7 organizations public in nature, as they protect the health,
8 safety, and welfare of the public.

9 "(b) The state, and any department, office, or
10 agency of the state, and any county, any municipality, any
11 fire, water, sewer, garbage, or school district, or any other
12 public governmental entity or political subdivision may donate
13 money, property, equipment, or other thing of value to those
14 organizations deemed public in nature as specified in
15 subsection (a). Unless the donating agency or entity specifies
16 otherwise at the time of donation, the organization receiving
17 the donation may dispose of any property received under this
18 section pursuant to Article 6, Sections 41-16-120 to
19 41-16-125, inclusive, of Chapter 16, Title 41."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
21 first day of the third month following its passage and
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.