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- 3 By Representative Scott
- 4 RFD: Ways and Means Education
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1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Section 41-15-4, Code of Alabama 1975,
9	relating to the State Insurance Fund, to require the risk
10	manager, with the approval of the Finance Director, to develop
11	a program of gap coverage and gap plus coverage to provide,
12	within reasonable limitations, proceeds sufficient to allow a
13	K-12 public school building that has been rendered a total
14	loss as a result of a covered peril to be reconstructed with
15	materials superior to its original construction and in an
16	increased size if appropriate based upon current construction
17	standards and occupancy; to define gap coverage and gap plus
18	coverage; to require the risk manager to draft rules,
19	guidelines, limitations, and coverage endorsements for the
20	program; and to require the risk manager to assess an
21	actuarially sound premium.
22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
23	Section 1. Section 41-15-4 of the Code of Alabama
24	1975, is amended to read as follows:
25	<b>"</b> §41-15-4.
26	"(a) All covered property, unless otherwise provided
27	in this section, shall be insured for no more than its

percent of its actual cash value. Replacement cost coverage may be provided with an amount of insurance as agreed upon by the proper insuring authority and the risk manager based upon a written statement of values. Replacement cost shall be the cost to repair or replace property with comparable materials of like kind and quality by generally accepted construction methods or technology to serve the same function as the lost or damaged property. Actual cash value shall be replacement cost less depreciation. No payment for a loss shall exceed the limit of the policy.

"(b) The officer or person having charge by law of insuring any public building, contents, machinery, and equipment shall annually certify to the Department of Finance the description and the value of all buildings, contents, machinery and equipment under his supervision or control on forms prescribed by the department for the purpose of showing the character of the risk and determining the rate of premium. No coverage shall be issued unless such certificate is on file in the office of the Department of Finance or the director has waived, in writing, the filing of the same.

"(c) Buildings, contents, machinery, and equipment owned by any county, city, or school district and used for school purposes or under control of a board of education may be insured under the provisions of this chapter. The risk manager, upon review and approval by the Finance Director, shall develop a program of coverage under the State Insurance

Fund which provides, within reasonable limitations, for the use of gap coverage and gap plus coverage, to provide proceeds sufficient to allow a school building that has suffered an 80 percent or greater loss as a result of a covered peril to be reconstructed with materials superior to its original construction and in an increased size, if appropriate, based upon current construction standards and occupancy. The risk manager shall draft rules, guidelines, limitations, and coverage endorsements under which this program shall operate, and shall determine actuarially sound premiums to assess covered entities. Additional premiums required for gap and gap plus coverage for participating systems shall be paid annually from

Additional premiums required for gap and gap plus coverage for participating systems shall be paid annually from the Public School Fund to the Department of Finance, Division of Risk Management. Distribution of the remaining Public School funds shall be pursuant to Section 16-13-234.

Gap coverage and gap plus coverage shall be mandatory for K-12 systems with buildings that qualify under the terms of this program.

"(1) For the purposes of this subsection, gap

coverage is coverage that allows for improved construction

type from an ISO of 1, 2, or 3 to an ISO of 4; allows for

additional square footage in preapproved incremental amounts;

and requires that building damages must exceed 80 percent or

greater of the insured school building value as determined by

State Insurance Fund adjusters, engineers, and other experts.

1	For purposes of this subsection, the following construction
2	ISO designations apply:
3	"a. An ISO of 1 is a frame.
4	"b. An ISO of 2 is masonry and wood roof supports or
5	trusses, or both.
6	"c. An ISO of 3 is pre-engineered metal.
7	"d. An ISO of 4 is a steel frame and roof supports
8	with a masonry exterior.
9	"e. An ISO of 5 is a protected steel frame with a
10	<pre>masonry exterior.</pre>
11	"f. An ISO of 6 is a reinforced concrete.
12	"(2) For the purposes of this subsection, gap plus
13	coverage is coverage that allows the insured to select amounts
14	of insurance for normally uncovered expenses including, but
15	not limited to, a new preparation site if the building is not
16	rebuilt on the same foundation, underground wiring, plumbing,
17	paving, and other expenses. Gap plus coverage requires that
18	building damages must exceed 80 percent of the insured school
19	building value as determined by State Insurance Fund
20	adjusters, engineers, and other experts. Gap plus coverage
21	also requires that the maximum amount of coverage allowed for
22	gap plus is 10 percent of the insured value of the destroyed
23	<pre>building.</pre>
24	"(d) The Department of Finance may cause to be
25	surveyed, annually, if practicable, all public property coming
26	within the provisions of this chapter, and the officer or

person in charge of the public property shall receive a copy

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of such report. A survey shall be an examination of property for physical discrepancies, construction characteristics, usage, or occupancy.

"(e) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the

Department of Finance in adjusting a loss may, at its option,

may assume title, ownership, and possession of any insured

item, including building materials, fixtures, furniture,

machinery, and equipment, for which insured value has been

paid, and may arrange for the salvage and sale thereof in

whatever manner is deemed most advantageous to the State

Insurance Fund, to which all sale proceeds shall be deposited.

Alternatively, the Department of Finance may deduct the

salvage value of the insured item from the payment to the

owner of insurance proceeds arising from the loss of the

insured item."

Section 2. 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.

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13	as amended
14	Yeas 99, Nays 0, Abstains 0
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