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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require disclosure of
9 certain information on the purchase of property by
10 the state or a local governing body.

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12 A BILL
13 TO BE ENTITLED
14 AN ACT

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16 Relating to real property; to require the state, a
17 county, a municipality, any other governmental entity, or any
18 quasi-governmental entity to disclose certain information
19 following the purchase of real property.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. (a) The state, a county, a municipality,
22 any other governmental entity, or any quasi-governmental
23 entity, following the purchase of any real property with
24 public funds for any reason, shall disclose all information
25 concerning the purchase within 30 days following the purchase.
26 If the purchase is tied to a specific economic development
27 project, disclosure is not required until 30 days following

1 the announcement of the project. If the purchase is tied to an
2 acquisition for public utility purposes as a part of a single
3 project or the acquisition of rights-of-way, disclosure is not
4 required until 30 days following the acquisition of the last
5 parcel of property needed for the particular public utility
6 project or right-of-way line for which the purchases are made.

7 (b) The disclosure required by subsection (a) shall
8 include any appraisals done on the property, any contracts
9 related to the purchase, all terms of the purchase, the
10 sources of all funds used in the purchase, any materials
11 considered by the person or body who approved the purchase,
12 and any other related materials.

13 (c) The disclosure required by subsection (a) shall
14 be made via a report available to the public, shall be
15 attached to the minutes for the next scheduled meeting of the
16 body following the purchase, and, if the body maintains a
17 website, shall be published on the website in a manner
18 conspicuous to the public.

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