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3 By Senators Dial and McClendon  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation Education  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama Ahead Act  
9 provides textbooks and other instructional  
10 materials to students and teachers of participating  
11 schools in electronic format.

12 This bill would provide for the  
13 participation of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and  
14 Blind, the Alabama School of Mathematics and  
15 Science, and the Alabama School of Fine Arts.

16 This bill would also make a supplemental  
17 appropriation from the Education Trust Fund  
18 Advancement and Technology Fund to the State  
19 Department of Education in the amount of  
20 \$41,297,782 and to the public institutions of  
21 higher education in the amount of \$15,089,140 for  
22 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

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24 A BILL  
25 TO BE ENTITLED  
26 AN ACT  
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1           To amend Section 16-16B-1, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
2 amended by Act 2016-139, 2016 Regular Session, relating to the  
3 Alabama Ahead Act; to include the Alabama Institute for Deaf  
4 and Blind, the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, and  
5 the Alabama School of Fine Arts under the act; and to make a  
6 supplemental appropriation from the Education Trust Fund  
7 Advancement and Technology Fund to the Department of Education  
8 in the amount of \$41,297,782 and to the public institutions of  
9 higher education in the amount of \$15,089,140 for the fiscal  
10 year ending September 30, 2017.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12           Section 1. Section 16-16B-1 of the Code of Alabama  
13 1975, as amended by Act 2016-139, 2016 Regular Session, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15           "§16-16B-1.

16           "(a) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as  
17 the Alabama Ahead Act.

18           "(b) (1) Commencing with the 2016-2017 school year,  
19 students may be provided textbooks in electronic format .  
20 Textbooks in electronic format may be available to schools  
21 under the jurisdiction of those local boards of education, the  
22 Board of Trustees of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind,  
23 the Alabama Youth Services Department School Board in its  
24 capacity as the Board of Education for the Youth Services  
25 School District, the Board of Directors of the Alabama School  
26 of Fine Arts, and the Board of Trustees of the Alabama High  
27 School of Mathematics and Science which choose to participate

1 in Alabama Ahead, to the extent practicable and funding is  
2 obtainable, to provide students with resources in the  
3 following three areas:

4 "a. Wireless broadband access via high-quality WiFi  
5 infrastructure in schools, as a first priority pursuant to  
6 Section 16-6B-2.1.

7 "b. Upgrades, expansions, and maintenance of  
8 existing WiFi infrastructure.

9 "c. Devices, digital content, management systems,  
10 debt service, or support.

11 "(2) Digital textbooks or other instructional  
12 materials provided in electronic format may also be provided  
13 to students to support the appropriate course or courses of  
14 study.

15 "(c) Where feasible, each student and teacher may be  
16 provided in lieu of or in addition to hardbound textbooks and  
17 other instructional materials, in whole or in part, a mobile  
18 digital computing device, or other similar wireless electronic  
19 device for utilizing 21st Century technology for storing,  
20 reading, accessing, exploring, and interacting with digital  
21 textbooks and other instructional materials. Local boards of  
22 education that choose to participate in this plan shall  
23 establish practices and policies to ensure the safe-keeping  
24 and maintenance of such devices and conduct inventories to  
25 account for them annually.

1           "(d) (1) The Department of Education shall adopt such  
2 rules as necessary to fully implement this section and  
3 Sections 16-6B-2 and 16-6B-2.1.

4           "(2) Any system that chooses to participate in  
5 Alabama Ahead shall submit an application to the State  
6 Department of Education, a copy of which shall be provided to  
7 the Alabama Ahead Oversight Committee.

8           "(e) There is created the Alabama Ahead Oversight  
9 Committee. The Oversight Committee shall consist of the Chair  
10 of the House Ways and Means Education Committee or designee,  
11 the Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation Education  
12 Committee or designee, two members appointed by the Speaker of  
13 the House of Representatives, two members appointed by the  
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Director of the  
15 Governor's Broadband Initiative Office, the State  
16 Superintendent of Education or designee, and an appointee of  
17 the School Superintendents of Alabama. The oversight provided  
18 by the Oversight Committee shall include, but not be limited  
19 to: (1) evaluating and confirming the appropriateness of  
20 applications submitted to the State Department of Education  
21 and (2) providing oversight and administration of  
22 implementation.

23           "(f) Ex officio members of the Oversight Committee  
24 shall include a representative of: the Alabama Technology  
25 Network, the Alabama Virtual Library, the Alabama  
26 Supercomputer Authority, Alabama Public Television, and the  
27 Alabama Educational Technology Association (AETA) who have

1 experience and knowledge in the administration and management  
2 of school networks.

3 "(g) With the exception of those members serving on  
4 the committee by virtue of their respective offices, each  
5 member must have proven experience in the areas of  
6 instructional technology, network design, public school  
7 business practices, public school administration, or other  
8 similar experience commensurate with the duties and  
9 responsibilities of the proper knowledge of the implementation  
10 of this project.

11 "(h) Appointed members shall not be entitled to  
12 receive any direct or indirect personal gain from this  
13 assignment. The members shall serve without compensation for  
14 their services.

15 "(i) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
16 their appointments to assure that the membership of the  
17 ~~Committee shall be~~ committee is inclusive and reflect reflects  
18 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic  
19 diversity of the state."

20 Section 2. Sections 29-9-3 and 29-9-4 of the Code of  
21 Alabama 1975, to the contrary notwithstanding, in addition to  
22 all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there  
23 is hereby appropriated a total of \$41,297,782 from the  
24 Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund to the  
25 State Department of Education for the fiscal year ending  
26 September 30, 2017. This appropriation shall be expended by  
27 the department to provide grants of an equal dollar amount per

1 student to each school participating in the Alabama Ahead Act  
2 determined by the State Department of Education and the  
3 Alabama Ahead Advisory Committee to have sufficient WLAN  
4 infrastructure functionality and plan for the professional  
5 development of teachers as required by Section 16-16B-2, Code  
6 of Alabama 1975.

7 Section 3. The Department of Education shall allo-  
8 cate the funds appropriated in Section 2 to the local school  
9 systems as follows:

10	Alabaster City	\$340,814
11	Albertville City	300,625
12	Alexander City	168,431
13	Andalusia City	94,884
14	Anniston City	105,721
15	Arab City	141,564
16	Athens City	285,159
17	Attalla City	90,933
18	Auburn City	478,991
19	Autauga County	522,397
20	Baldwin County	1,719,478
21	Barbour County	44,253
22	Bessemer City	201,621
23	Bibb County	181,526

1	Birmingham City	1,316,293
2	Blount County	439,874
3	Boaz City	130,557
4	Brewton City	62,315
5	Bullock County	80,829
6	Butler County	167,754
7	Calhoun County	491,973
8	Chambers County	199,250
9	Cherokee County	221,659
10	Chickasaw City	57,687
11	Chilton County	430,335
12	Choctaw County	78,063
13	Clarke County	149,297
14	Clay County	108,205
15	Cleburne County	144,612
16	Coffee County	116,502
17	Colbert County	139,249
18	Conecuh County	98,891
19	Coosa County	54,695
20	Covington County	172,100
21	Crenshaw County	125,420
22	Cullman City	173,906



1	Cullman County	537,242
2	Dale County	176,954
3	Daleville City	56,671
4	Dallas County	172,721
5	Decatur City	477,636
6	DeKalb County	498,295
7	Demopolis City	127,622
8	Dothan City	516,978
9	Elba City	33,528
10	Elmore County	628,118
11	Enterprise City	392,969
12	Escambia County	247,115
13	Etowah County	490,280
14	Eufaula City	215,111
15	Fairfield City	98,214
16	Fayette County	129,654
17	Florence City	248,244
18	Fort Payne City	177,237
19	Franklin County	197,444
20	Gadsden City	282,788
21	Geneva City	71,628
22	Geneva County	150,651

1	Greene County	63,275
2	Guntersville City	109,108
3	Hale County	142,580
4	Haleyville City	95,787
5	Hartselle City	175,826
6	Henry County	137,500
7	Homewood City	231,762
8	Hoover City	783,228
9	Houston County	353,627
10	Huntsville City	1,298,682
11	Jackson County	301,020
12	Jacksonville City	86,925
13	Jasper City	150,256
14	Jefferson County	2,033,142
15	Lamar County	129,089
16	Lanett City	48,147
17	Lauderdale County	459,574
18	Lawrence County	264,162
19	Lee County	541,193
20	Leeds City	106,116
21	Limestone County	513,027
22	Linden City	26,811

1	Lowndes County	84,498
2	Macon County	111,196
3	Madison City	578,503
4	Madison County	1,060,598
5	Marengo County	56,896
6	Marion County	189,542
7	Marshall County	309,769
8	Midfield City	60,678
9	Mobile County	3,121,341
10	Monroe County	192,533
11	Montgomery County	1,687,869
12	Morgan County	427,061
13	Mountain Brook City	245,140
14	Muscle Shoals City	160,416
15	Oneonta City	84,216
16	Opelika City	247,680
17	Opp City	72,588
18	Oxford City	231,819
19	Ozark City	117,518
20	Pelham City	179,551
21	Pell City	225,102
22	Perry County	79,418

1	Phenix City	385,800
2	Pickens County	147,264
3	Piedmont City	67,508
4	Pike County	116,163
5	Pike Road City	78,232
6	Randolph County	123,050
7	Roanoke City	82,409
8	Russell County	191,291
9	Russellville City	138,911
10	Saraland City	171,705
11	Satsuma City	79,982
12	Scottsboro City	142,354
13	Selma City	189,542
14	Sheffield City	57,404
15	Shelby County	1,140,411
16	St. Clair County	504,955
17	Sumter County	88,562
18	Sylacauga City	126,041
19	Talladega City	110,745
20	Talladega County	426,892
21	Tallapoosa County	162,109
22	Tallassee City	102,617

1	Tarrant City	64,178
2	Thomasville City	68,806
3	Troy City	107,189
4	Trussville City	256,203
5	Tuscaloosa City	561,231
6	Tuscaloosa County	1,021,990
7	Tuscumbia City	85,062
8	Vestavia Hills City	400,702
9	Walker County	418,482
10	Washington County	158,666
11	Wilcox County	94,714
12	Winfield City	70,669
13	Winston County	135,016
14	DYS	11,966
15	AIDB	37,815
16	Math and Science	14,393
17	ASFA	19,022
18	Total	\$41,297,782

19                   Section 4. In addition to all other appropriations  
20 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a  
21 total of \$15,089,140 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement  
22 and Technology Fund to the public institutions of higher edu-

1 cation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. This  
2 appropriation shall be expended for equipment and/or deferred  
3 maintenance. This appropriation shall be distributed as fol-  
4 lows:

5	Alabama Community College Sys-	
6	tem	\$3,344,154
7	Alabama A&M University	486,490
8	Alabama State University	485,980
9	University of Alabama	2,997,147
10	University of Alabama Birming-	
11	ham	1,012,441
12	University of Alabama	
13	Huntsville	563,985
14	Athens State University	192,516
15	Auburn University	2,144,694
16	Auburn University Montgomery	344,244
17	Jacksonville State University	602,937
18	University of Montevallo	223,106
19	University of North Alabama	531,763
20	University of South Alabama	1,062,201
21	Troy University	911,186
22	University of West Alabama	186,296
23	Total	\$15,089,140

1                   Section 5. All funds not expended in the current  
2                   fiscal year shall not revert but shall be carried forward for  
3                   the purpose appropriated.

4                   Section 6. This act shall become effective  
5                   immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
6                   upon its otherwise becoming law.