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2 216487-4  
3 By Senator Albritton  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
5 First Read: 19-JAN-22

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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To make supplemental appropriations from the  
6 American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
7 Fund, the American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal  
8 Recovery Revenue Replacement Fund, and the American Rescue  
9 Plan Act - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for the fiscal  
10 year ending September 30, 2022.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations  
13 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated  
14 \$443,343,362.50 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan  
15 Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department  
16 of Finance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, to  
17 be used to as follows:

18 (1) Up to \$80,000,000 to be used to support the  
19 delivery of health care and related services to citizens of  
20 Alabama related to the pandemic by and through reimbursement  
21 of eligible expenses. These funds may be delegated through  
22 memoranda of agreement to the Alabama Hospital Association and  
23 the Alabama Nursing Home Association.

24 (2) Up to \$51,000,000 to be used to support the  
25 improvement and expansion of broadband network access to the

1 citizens of Alabama. These funds may be delegated through  
2 memoranda of agreement to the Alabama Department of Economic  
3 and Community Affairs' Alabama Digital Expansion Division.

4 (3) Up to \$225,000,000 shall be used to improve  
5 access to clean water to the citizens of Alabama through  
6 investments in water and sewer infrastructure projects. These  
7 funds may be delegated through memoranda of agreement to the  
8 Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The Department  
9 of Environmental Management shall utilize the funds to  
10 implement the following programs:

11 a. Up to \$120,000,000 shall be provided as grants to  
12 water and sewer systems for emergency or high need projects  
13 previously identified for participation in the Clean Water  
14 State Revolving Fund or the Drinking Water State Revolving  
15 Fund. The high need and emergency projects shall be selected  
16 based on a ranking system established by the Department of  
17 Environmental Management that provides additional weight for  
18 projects that facilitate or improve access to water or sewer  
19 services in communities disproportionately impacted by  
20 COVID-19 or lack local funding to complete the project.

21 b. Up to \$100,000,000 shall be provided as matching  
22 grants to public water and sewer systems for water or sewer  
23 infrastructure projects. The Department of Environmental  
24 Management shall establish matching requirements for grant  
25 recipients with consideration for ability to pay. Matching

1 funds may be provided from Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery  
2 Funds, in-kind contributions, or any other source of funds  
3 made available for this purpose.

4 c. Up to \$5,000,000 shall be provided as grants to  
5 install clustered decentralized wastewater system  
6 demonstrations utilizing a collection system  
7 known as Septic Tank Effluent Pump (STEP) or other  
8 demonstration systems in the Alabama Black Belt areas of low  
9 population density, rural poverty, and/or soils with poor perc  
10 characteristics, where there is a finding of discharge of raw  
11 sewage onto the ground due to the utilization of straight  
12 pipes, failing septic systems, or similar circumstances.

13 (4) Up to \$79,500,000 shall be allocated to the  
14 Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, with the intent to  
15 reduce rates on businesses in 2022. This contribution also  
16 returns the balance in the fund to a balance close to January  
17 27, 2020.

18 (5) Up to \$7,843,362.50 for reimbursement of costs  
19 for the administration, auditing, and reporting requirements  
20 of the state and local fiscal recovery funds.

21 Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations  
22 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated  
23 \$136,796,346 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan  
24 Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Revenue Replacement  
25 Fund to the Department of Finance for the fiscal year ending

1 September 30, 2022, which may delegate these funds through  
2 memoranda of agreement to be used as follows:

3 (1) Up to \$34,000,000 to be used to support the  
4 improvement and expansion of broadband network access to the  
5 citizens of Alabama. These funds may be delegated through  
6 memoranda of agreement to the Alabama Department of Economic  
7 and Community Affairs' Alabama Digital Expansion Division.

8 (2) Up to \$5,000,000 shall be used to facilitate the  
9 expansion and use of telemedicine. The Department of Finance  
10 may delegate these funds through memorandum of agreement to  
11 the Alabama Department of Public Health, or any other health  
12 care association or health care provider.

13 (3) Up to \$36,796,346 to be used to support the  
14 delivery of health care and related services to citizens of  
15 Alabama related to the coronavirus pandemic, including through  
16 assisted living facilities. These funds may be delegated  
17 through memoranda of agreement with the Alabama Department of  
18 Public Health, the Alabama Department of Mental Health,  
19 Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, or any other  
20 state entity of competent jurisdiction, health care  
21 association or health care provider.

22 (4) Up to \$30,000,000 for assistance to rural  
23 hospitals. For the purposes of this appropriation, a rural  
24 hospital is one so designated by the Health Resources and  
25 Services Administration. Funds shall be allocated as grants to

1 eligible hospitals based on the number of beds reflected on  
2 the Certificate of Need held by each hospital.

3 (5) Up to \$20,000,000 for assistance to emergency  
4 response providers, including ambulance/EMS service providers,  
5 rescue squad organizations, volunteer fire departments, and  
6 911 boards. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

7 a. Volunteer fire departments - \$10,000,000

8 b. Other emergency response providers - \$10,000,000

9 (6) Up to \$11,000,000 for reimbursements of expenses  
10 of state inmates housed in county jails from March 3, 2021, to  
11 December 31, 2021.

12 Section 3. In addition to all other appropriations  
13 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated  
14 \$191,887,857 in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan  
15 Act - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to the Department of  
16 Finance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, to be  
17 used for the delivery of broadband and related services to  
18 citizens of Alabama related to the coronavirus pandemic and to  
19 enable investment in capital assets providing necessary  
20 technology infrastructure for work, education, and access to  
21 critical services. These funds may be delegated by the  
22 Department of Finance through memoranda of agreement to the  
23 Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs' Alabama  
24 Digital Expansion Division.

1           Section 4. (a) Any amount of the funds appropriated  
2 in this act remaining unexpended on September 30, 2022, shall  
3 be reappropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year  
4 beginning October 1, 2022, and for all fiscal years thereafter  
5 extending through December 31, 2026.

6           (b) In the event that any of the appropriations to  
7 any of the categories listed above needs to be adjusted for  
8 the utilization of available funds or if the uses above are  
9 deemed ineligible uses of the federal funds by the United  
10 States Congress, the United States Department of the Treasury,  
11 or any other federal entity of competent jurisdiction, the  
12 Director of Finance shall obtain majority approval by the  
13 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro  
14 Tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of  
15 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the  
16 chair of each budget committee of the Legislature to  
17 re-allocate funds among the categories listed above prior to  
18 any such reallocation.

19           (c) To ensure the state complies with all  
20 requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act, any delegate or  
21 subrecipient of any of the funds appropriated in this act  
22 shall provide all information requested by the Department of  
23 Finance in a complete and timely manner.

24           Section 5. (a) There is hereby created a Joint  
25 Legislative Oversight Committee on American Rescue Plan Act

1 State Funds, hereinafter referred to as the committee. The  
2 committee shall consist of the Chair of the House Ways and  
3 Means - General Fund Committee; the Chair of the Senate  
4 Finance and Taxation - General Fund Committee; three members  
5 of the House Ways and Means - General Fund Committee appointed  
6 by the chair of the committee, including the ranking minority  
7 member of the committee, or his or her designee; and three  
8 members of the Senate Finance and Taxation - General Fund  
9 Committee appointed by the chair of the committee, including  
10 the ranking minority member of the committee, or his or her  
11 designee; the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;  
12 the Minority Leader of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of  
13 Representatives, or his or her other designee; the President  
14 Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his or her designee; a member of  
15 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker; and a  
16 member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
17 of the Senate. The Chair of the House Ways and Means - General  
18 Fund Committee and the Chair of the Senate Finance and  
19 Taxation - General Fund Committee shall be co-chairs of the  
20 oversight committee. The committee shall hold its  
21 organizational meeting within 30 days following the effective  
22 date of this act and shall meet at the call of the co-chairs  
23 thereafter.

24 (b) The co-chairs of the oversight committee, on  
25 behalf of the oversight committee, shall have authority to



1 request and receive reports from the Department of Finance and  
2 to request and receive supplemental information or data from  
3 the Department of Finance or any other administering agency or  
4 entity related to the implementation of the programs funded in  
5 this act and any other act appropriating Coronavirus State  
6 Fiscal Recovery Funds or Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds,  
7 including as to the related memoranda of agreement, and to  
8 conduct hearings and receive testimony therein related to the  
9 implementation of the aforesaid programs.

10 Section 6. The Department of Finance shall provide a  
11 copy of all expenditure reports required to be filed with the  
12 Department of the Treasury regarding the Coronavirus State  
13 Fiscal Recovery Funds and the Coronavirus Capital Projects  
14 Funds to the Legislature within five days of filing the  
15 report. The report may be delivered electronically to the  
16 Legislative Fiscal Officer for distribution.

17 Section 7. This act shall become effective  
18 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
19 its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed  
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
Passed: 27-JAN-22

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By: Senator Albritton