



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 283

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**House Bill 283** as introduced would terminate the existing rural tax credit program for tax years ending after December 31, 2023 but allow any physician currently claiming the tax credit to continue claiming the tax credit until the credit expires. This bill would also establish a new rural physician tax credit program for tax years beginning after January 1, 2024, providing a \$5,000 tax credit that may be claimed by rural physicians residing and practicing in newly defined rural communities.

This bill would decrease income tax revenues to the Education Trust Fund by an estimated \$577,000 for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2028, assuming 1% of active physicians (155) qualify and claim this credit. However, this amount would vary dependent upon the number of physicians who: (1) reside in and practice medicine in a rural community, as provided by this bill; and (2) return to practice in a rural community after having practiced in a non-rural community or outside of Alabama for at least three years. In tax year 2021, 53 rural physicians claimed the current tax credit for a total of \$208,034.

This bill would also increase the administrative obligations of the State Board of Medical Examiners to review information submitted by physicians seeking to claim the tax credit, issue certificates to qualifying physicians, and file informational reports on the number of tax credits authorized.