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SYNOPSIS:

This bill makes an appropriation of \$13,651,435 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama, for the support and maintenance of the educational program of the institution, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; provides that the appropriation is subject to certain provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975; requires an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds; and requires an end of year report.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Tuskegee University has a unique
31 relationship to the State of Alabama. Due to the unique nature
32 of the circumstances related to the establishment and
33 development of Tuskegee Institute which differs from that of
34 private schools and colleges receiving funds from the state
35 and from the state's public colleges and universities, the
36 institution should be afforded a unique treatment relative to
37 funding from the Education Trust Fund. Tuskegee Institute was
38 established by an act of the Legislature in 1881 and
39 separately incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1892;
40 the Governor appoints five commissioners who serve as voting
41 members on the Tuskegee University Board; and the State
42 Superintendent of Education serves as an ex officio voting
43 commissioner on the Tuskegee University Board. Tuskegee has
44 received appropriations from the Legislature since 1881. Being
45 a private institution as well as a state related and supported
46 institution, it is deemed that Tuskegee University should be
47 funded accordingly and not as the private schools and colleges
48 nor as the state public colleges and universities are funded.

49 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of
50 \$13,651,435 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee
51 University in Tuskegee, Alabama, for the support and
52 maintenance of the educational program of the institution, for
53 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Of the above
54 appropriation, at least \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the
55 agricultural research and extension service state match.

56 Section 3. The above appropriation is made for the



57 support of public education in Alabama and for the support and
58 maintenance of the above program. The appropriation shall be
59 subject to the provisions, terms, conditions, and limitations
60 of the Budget and Financial Control Act, Section 41-4-80 et
61 seq., Code of Alabama 1975, the provisions of the Budget
62 Management Act of 1976, Section 41-19-1 et seq., Code of
63 Alabama 1975, and any other provisions of this act.

64 Section 4. (a) Prior to the release of any funds
65 appropriated under this act the following reports shall be
66 submitted:

67 (1) An operations plan for the 2024 fiscal year,
68 including goals and measurable performance indicators, shall
69 be submitted to and approved by the Director of Finance, as
70 provided for state agencies in Section 41-19-10 of the Code of
71 Alabama 1975.

72 (2) An audited financial statement for all operations
73 during the 2022 fiscal year.

74 (b) It is the intent that funds appropriated for the
75 2024 fiscal year shall be released by the Director of Finance
76 following receipt of the above reports.

77 (c) In addition, quarterly reports shall be made to the
78 Director of Finance relating actual expenditures and
79 accomplishments to planned expenditures and accomplishments.
80 An end of year performance report for the 2024 fiscal year
81 shall be made to the Director of Finance stating the work
82 accomplished and the services provided and the costs of
83 accomplishing the work and providing the services, citing
84 meaningful measures of program effectiveness and costs, as is



85 required for state agencies in Section 41-19-11 of the Code of
86 Alabama 1975.

87 (d) The Director of Finance shall forward a copy of all
88 required reports to the Legislative Council in a timely
89 manner.

90 Section 5. This act shall become effective October 1,
91 2023.