SYNOPSIS:

This bill makes a conditional appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Education Trust Fund to the Executive Commission on Community Services Grants, and to the Lieutenant Governor for the K-12 Capital Grant Program in the total amount of $29,998,245 and makes supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of $651,202,906.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated $29,998,245 from the Education Trust Fund. Of this amount, $15,000,000 shall be used for the K-12 Capital Grant Program, pursuant to Section 29-4-51, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs, conditioned upon HB415 or another bill being enacted in the 2024 Regular Session repealing the Distressed Institutions of Higher Education Revolving Loan Program; and $14,998,245 shall be used for the Executive Commission on Community Services Grants to be distributed pursuant to Section 29-2-123, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a total of $651,202,906 from the Education Trust Fund to the following agencies and entities for the purposes specified below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024:

(1) To the Department of Finance, Division of Risk Management, for the State Insurance Fund, $5,000,000.

(2) To the State Board of Education – Local Boards of Education, $94,224,918. Of this amount, $13,839,874 shall be used for ASIMS; $15,000,000 shall be used for purchases of new buses based on the current age and mileage of existing buses as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education and approved by the Governor; $10,000,000 shall be used for Career Tech O&M to expand support for CTE through the purchase of
equipment, consumables, and supplies; $25,000,000 shall be used for core-adoption textbooks; $22,229,387 shall be used to fund the current school nurse matrix; and $8,155,657 shall be used for unanticipated Foundation Program shortfalls.

(3) To the State Department of Education for one-time expenses, $63,800,000. Of this amount, $400,000 shall be used for the Birmingham Education Foundation; $15,000,000 shall be used for summer reading camps to support literacy attainment; $17,000,000 shall be used for College and Career Readiness grants to continue expansion of support for activities that increase students' awareness of postsecondary opportunities; $4,000,000 shall be distributed to the Teacher's Liability Trust Fund; $5,000,000 shall be used to develop programs for struggling readers beyond grade 3; $2,500,000 shall be used for Ed Farm; $9,000,000 shall be used for a grant program for charter schools with funds to be allocated among the schools on a per pupil basis and used for the same purposes allowed for the Advancement and Technology Fund appropriations pursuant to Section 29-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975; $2,000,000 shall be used for Plasma Games curriculum; $6,650,000 shall be used for capital projects at the American Village; $700,000 shall be used for the Wooley Institute for Spoken Language (WISE); $500,000 shall be used for Small Magic school readiness programs; $175,000 shall be used for the Symphony in Education Program; $300,000 shall be used for the 1st Grade Readiness Pilot Project; $75,000 shall be expended for the Youth Entrepreneurial CEO Program; and $500,000 shall be used by the Department of Education for an educational technology
assessment pilot program that will provide six public school
systems with a local inventory dashboard of education software
programs used by their students and teachers. The pilot
program shall compile usage data by educator and student,
conduct rapid-cycle evaluations to measure the effectiveness
of education software programs based on student outcomes, and
support evidence-based analysis of education software programs
aligned to the required levels of evidence in the Every
Student Succeeds Act. Public school systems voluntarily
participating in the pilot program shall be provided
request-initiated workflows for educational technology
procurement and adoption that allow for the assignment of
internal district reviewers along with teacher and staff
feedback. Of the above amount, $6,000 shall be reserved for
the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) to assist
the department in selecting voluntary school district
participation, managing the pilot program, and preparing an
interim and final report on the pilot program.

(4) a. To the Department of Commerce for one-time
expenses, $8,300,000. Of this amount, $2,450,000 shall be used
for the Talent Triad; $5,000,000 shall be used to support a
Biotech Workforce Center in Birmingham; and $850,000 shall be
used to engage a third-party entity to conduct a statewide
assessment of Alabama's key economic development-related
infrastructure along targeted growth corridors in the state.
The statewide assessment shall encompass, but not be limited
to, the following infrastructure components:

1. Transportation infrastructure, including road, rail,
1. Transportation infrastructure, including road, rail, air, and sea transportation systems;
2. Digital infrastructure, including high-speed Internet and advanced telecommunications infrastructure;
3. Utilities infrastructure, including gas and electric generation, storage, transmission, and distribution; and
4. Water and sanitation infrastructure, including water supply and wastewater systems.

b. The assessment shall prioritize the geographic areas of the state with high potential for economic growth, identifying current capacities, future needs, and strategic investments required to facilitate sustainable development across the state. The third-party entity performing the assessment shall be selected by a committee of three members, with each of the following, or his or her designee, having the authority to appoint one member:
1. Speaker of the House of Representatives;
2. President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and
3. Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

(5) To the Alabama Department of Revenue, $51,000,000. Of this amount, $50,000,000 shall be distributed to the CHOOSE Act Fund established by Act 2024-21 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature for the purpose of funding Education Savings Accounts; and $1,000,000 shall be used for Education Savings Account administration.

(6) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in Demopolis for one-time expenses, $15,000,000. This appropriation is contingent upon the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences Foundation adopting a policy or plan that
recognizes and protects, to the extent practical, this investment by the State of Alabama in the event that a school does not open in Demopolis or the school, upon opening, fails to operate for at least 10 years. The plan or policy shall be delivered to the Finance Director, Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation, Education, and Chair of the House Ways and Means Education Committee prior to the distribution of any funds contemplated by this appropriation.

(7) To the Alabama Supercomputer Authority for next generation firewalls for new sites, $1,100,000.

(8) To the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind for the Montgomery Regional Center relocation/expansion, $3,464,931.

(9) To the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing or future capital projects, $4,000,000.

(10) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $12,000,000.

(11) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $9,000,000.

(12) To The University of Alabama System, $66,000,000. Of this amount, $63,000,000 shall be used for expenses associated with recruiting and retaining students and faculty or one-time expenses for increasing research capacity,
deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects; and $3,000,000 shall be used by The University of Alabama in Huntsville for one-time expenses for cybersecurity.

(13) To Athens State University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $5,750,000.

(14) To Auburn University, $28,675,000. Of this amount, $25,450,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects; $3,000,000 shall be used for the McCrary Institute; $175,000 shall be used for Eagles Wings; and $50,000 shall be used by the College of Veterinary Medicine for a mobile veterinary medicine partnership.

(15) To Auburn University at Montgomery for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $5,250,000.

(16) To Jacksonville State University, $12,700,000. Of this amount, $12,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and $700,000 shall be used for the Paint Rock Forest Research Center.

(17) To the University of Montevallo for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $9,250,000.

(18) To the University of North Alabama for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $14,000,000.

(19) To the University of South Alabama, $23,000,000. Of this amount, $22,500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects; and $500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for the marine lab.

(20) To Troy University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $14,250,000.

(21) To the University of West Alabama, $11,750,000. Of this amount, $11,500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and $250,000 shall be used for the Biodiversity Center.

(22) To Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $5,000,000.

(23) To the Alabama Community College System for one-time expenses, $110,340,057. Of this amount, $25,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Training Center at Bevill State Community College; $3,000,000 shall be
used for a truck driving training track at Jefferson State Community College; $900,000 shall be used for the Northwest Alabama Workforce Training Center; $27,640,057 shall be used for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; $800,000 shall be used for the Mobile Area Education Foundation; $18,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama Centers for Rural Healthcare per Act 2023-378, of which $3,000,000 shall be used to complete the North Alabama collaborations; and $35,000,000 shall be used to establish a Capital Fund for ongoing deferred maintenance and capital project needs of community colleges.

(24) To the Council on the Arts, $2,428,000. Of this amount, $1,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects at the Shakespeare Festival; and $1,428,000 shall be used for the facilities grant program. The Council of the Arts may award grants from the facilities grant program for projects that build, renovate, restore, preserve, or enhance arts facilities in Alabama, including performing arts centers, art museums and galleries, multi-purpose arts centers, artist residency facilities, and outdoor performance venues. Eligible entities include: (i) 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations chartered in Alabama, active and in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and the council; or (ii) an entity of local government. Grant amounts shall not exceed $100,000 to any one entity, with the first grant being reserved for the Princess Theater for the Performing Arts for $75,000.
(25) To the Alabama Department of Public Health, $7,450,000. Of this amount, $5,000,000 shall be used to coordinate with The University of Alabama at Birmingham for the establishment of a North Alabama rural dental clinic residency program; $250,000 shall be used for Lions Sight eye screenings; and $2,200,000 shall be used for the Medical Education Consortium for the expansion of the primary care physician pipeline for rural and underserved Alabama.

(26) To the Lieutenant Governor for the K-12 Capital Grant Program pursuant to Section 29-4-51, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs, $15,000,000. Any K-12 entity awarded a grant pursuant to the program shall be allowed to amend their original grant proposal if necessary to allow full utilization of the funds awarded for an eligible purpose.

(27) To the Department of Agriculture and Industries for educational programs at Landmark Park, $250,000.

(28) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission/Fire College, $1,400,000. Of this amount, $1,200,000 shall be used for an aerial apparatus; and $200,000 shall be used for the Volunteer Firefighter Training Program.

(29) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, $13,920,000. Of this amount, $4,000,000 shall be used for the Deferred Maintenance Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state with no matching fund requirements by the institution receiving a grant; $2,500,000 shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo - Alabama Veterinary
shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo – Alabama Veterinary Teaching Hospital; $270,000 shall be used for the Best and Brightest STEM Pilot Program pursuant to the provisions of Act 2020-204; $850,000 shall be used for the EarlyWorks Museum in Huntsville; $250,000 shall be used for the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament; $250,000 shall be used for the Para-Cycling Road World Championship; $500,000 shall be used for the SEC Baseball Tournament; $100,000 shall be used for Selma University; $200,000 shall be used for the Southern Museum of Flight; $500,000 shall be used for the USS Alabama Battleship; and $4,500,000 shall be used for the ReEngage Alabama Grant Program pursuant to Act 2023-539.

(30) To the Historical Commission, $5,200,000. Of this amount, $75,000 shall be used for the Jesse Owens Memorial; $75,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller Foundation; $800,000 shall be used for the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for one-time capital outlay expenses for Remington Hall at the former Fort McClellan; $950,000 shall be used for Historic Blakeley Authority; $100,000 shall be used for Blacksmith Forge in Loachapoka; $200,000 shall be used for Historic Coppinville School Park in Enterprise; $50,000 shall be used for the Harrison Brothers Hardware Civil Rights Site; $75,000 shall be used for Lafayette's Visit Commemoration; $250,000 shall be used for the Historic Looney's Tavern Theater renovation; $575,000 shall be used for the Historic Old State Bank renovation; $50,000 shall be used for Pratt City Historic signage; and $2,000,000 shall be used for the Clotilda Project.

(31) To the Legislative Council for the construction
To the Legislative Council for the construction and/or equipping of the new State House and Capitol complex renovations in order to provide enhanced educational opportunities for school children, college students, and other residents from throughout the state, $25,000,000.

(32) To the Department of Rehabilitation Services for United Ability, $100,000.

(33) To the Space Science Exhibit Commission, $500,000.

(34) To the Alabama School of Fine Arts, $650,000.

(35) To the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering, $650,000.

(36) To the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, $650,000.

(37) To the Education Retirees' Trust Fund, established in Chapter 25D of Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975, $5,000,000.

(38) To the Legislative Services Agency to hire a consultant to assist with the study of modernizing K-12 education school funding pursuant to Act 2024-128, $150,000.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.