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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.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations
31 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
32 \$29,998,245 from the Education Trust Fund. Of this amount,
33 \$15,000,000 shall be used for the K-12 Capital Grant Program,
34 pursuant to Section 29-4-51, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide
35 grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital
36 projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs,
37 conditioned upon HB415 or another bill being enacted in the
38 2024 Regular Session repealing the Distressed Institutions of
39 Higher Education Revolving Loan Program; and \$14,998,245 shall
40 be used for the Executive Commission on Community Services
41 Grants to be distributed pursuant to Section 29-2-123, Code of
42 Alabama 1975.

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

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

50 (2) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of
51 Education, \$94,224,918. Of this amount, \$13,839,874 shall be
52 used for ASIMS; \$15,000,000 shall be used for purchases of new
53 buses based on the current age and mileage of existing buses
54 as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education and
55 approved by the Governor; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Career
56 Tech O&M to expand support for CTE through the purchase of



57 equipment, consumables, and supplies; \$25,000,000 shall be
58 used for core-adoption textbooks; \$22,229,387 shall be used to
59 fund the current school nurse matrix; and \$8,155,657 shall be
60 used for unanticipated Foundation Program shortfalls.

61 (3) To the State Department of Education for one-time
62 expenses, \$63,800,000. Of this amount, \$400,000 shall be used
63 for the Birmingham Education Foundation; \$15,000,000 shall be
64 used for summer reading camps to support literacy attainment;
65 \$17,000,000 shall be used for College and Career Readiness
66 grants to continue expansion of support for activities that
67 increase students' awareness of postsecondary opportunities;
68 \$4,000,000 shall be distributed to the Teacher's Liability
69 Trust Fund; \$5,000,000 shall be used to develop programs for
70 struggling readers beyond grade 3; \$2,500,000 shall be used
71 for Ed Farm; \$9,000,000 shall be used for a grant program for
72 charter schools with funds to be allocated among the schools
73 on a per pupil basis and used for the same purposes allowed
74 for the Advancement and Technology Fund appropriations
75 pursuant to Section 29-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975; \$2,000,000
76 shall be used for Plasma Games curriculum; \$6,650,000 shall be
77 used for capital projects at the American Village; \$700,000
78 shall be used for the Wooley Institute for Spoken Language
79 (WISE); \$500,000 shall be used for Small Magic school
80 readiness programs; \$175,000 shall be used for the Symphony in
81 Education Program; \$300,000 shall be used for the 1st Grade
82 Readiness Pilot Project; \$75,000 shall be expended for the
83 Youth Entrepreneurial CEO Program; and \$500,000 shall be used
84 by the Department of Education for an educational technology



85 assessment pilot program that will provide six public school
86 systems with a local inventory dashboard of education software
87 programs used by their students and teachers. The pilot
88 program shall compile usage data by educator and student,
89 conduct rapid-cycle evaluations to measure the effectiveness
90 of education software programs based on student outcomes, and
91 support evidence-based analysis of education software programs
92 aligned to the required levels of evidence in the Every
93 Student Succeeds Act. Public school systems voluntarily
94 participating in the pilot program shall be provided
95 request-initiated workflows for educational technology
96 procurement and adoption that allow for the assignment of
97 internal district reviewers along with teacher and staff
98 feedback. Of the above amount, \$6,000 shall be reserved for
99 the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) to assist
100 the department in selecting voluntary school district
101 participation, managing the pilot program, and preparing an
102 interim and final report on the pilot program.

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

112 1. Transportation infrastructure, including road, rail,



113 air, and sea transportation systems;

114 2. Digital infrastructure, including high-speed
115 Internet and advanced telecommunications infrastructure;

116 3. Utilities infrastructure, including gas and electric
117 generation, storage, transmission, and distribution; and

118 4. Water and sanitation infrastructure, including water
119 supply and wastewater systems.

120 b. The assessment shall prioritize the geographic areas
121 of the state with high potential for economic growth,
122 identifying current capacities, future needs, and strategic
123 investments required to facilitate sustainable development
124 across the state. The third-party entity performing the
125 assessment shall be selected by a committee of three members,
126 with each of the following, or his or her designee, having the
127 authority to appoint one member:

128 1. Speaker of the House of Representatives;

129 2. President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

130 3. Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

131 (5) To the Alabama Department of Revenue, \$51,000,000.

132 Of this amount, \$50,000,000 shall be distributed to the CHOOSE
133 Act Fund established by Act 2024-21 of the 2024 Regular
134 Session of the Legislature for the purpose of funding
135 Education Savings Accounts; and \$1,000,000 shall be used for
136 Education Savings Account administration.

137 (6) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in
138 Demopolis for one-time expenses, \$15,000,000. This
139 appropriation is contingent upon the Alabama School of
140 Healthcare Sciences Foundation adopting a policy or plan that



141 recognizes and protects, to the extent practical, this
142 investment by the State of Alabama in the event that a school
143 does not open in Demopolis or the school, upon opening, fails
144 to operate for at least 10 years. The plan or policy shall be
145 delivered to the Finance Director, Chair of the Senate
146 Committee on Finance and Taxation, Education, and Chair of the
147 House Ways and Means Education Committee prior to the
148 distribution of any funds contemplated by this appropriation.

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

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

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

157 (10) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses
158 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
159 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
160 \$12,000,000.

161 (11) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses
162 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
163 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
164 \$9,000,000.

165 (12) To The University of Alabama System, \$66,000,000.
166 Of this amount, \$63,000,000 shall be used for expenses
167 associated with recruiting and retaining students and faculty
168 or one-time expenses for increasing research capacity,



169 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
170 ongoing capital projects; and \$3,000,000 shall be used by The
171 University of Alabama in Huntsville for one-time expenses for
172 cybersecurity.

173 (13) To Athens State University for one-time expenses
174 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
175 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
176 \$5,750,000.

177 (14) To Auburn University, \$28,675,000. Of this amount,
178 \$25,450,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for increasing
179 research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of
180 existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects; \$3,000,000
181 shall be used for the McCrary Institute; \$175,000 shall be
182 used for Eagles Wings; and \$50,000 shall be used by the
183 College of Veterinary Medicine for a mobile veterinary
184 medicine partnership.

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

189 (16) To Jacksonville State University, \$12,700,000. Of
190 this amount, \$12,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses
191 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
192 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and
193 \$700,000 shall be used for the Paint Rock Forest Research
194 Center.

195 (17) To the University of Montevallo for one-time
196 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing



197 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
198 projects, \$9,250,000.

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

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

209 (20) To Troy University for one-time expenses for
210 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
211 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
212 \$14,250,000.

213 (21) To the University of West Alabama, \$11,750,000. Of
214 this amount, \$11,500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses
215 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
216 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and
217 \$250,000 shall be used for the Biodiversity Center.

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

221 (23) To the Alabama Community College System for
222 one-time expenses, \$110,340,057. Of this amount, \$25,000,000
223 shall be used for the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Training
224 Center at Beville State Community College; \$3,000,000 shall be



225 used for a truck driving training track at Jefferson State
226 Community College; \$900,000 shall be used for the Northwest
227 Alabama Workforce Training Center; \$27,640,057 shall be used
228 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
229 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; \$800,000
230 shall be used for the Mobile Area Education Foundation;
231 \$18,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama Centers for Rural
232 Healthcare per Act 2023-378, of which \$3,000,000 shall be used
233 to complete the North Alabama collaborations; and \$35,000,000
234 shall be used to establish a Capital Fund for ongoing deferred
235 maintenance and capital project needs of community colleges.

236 (24) To the Council on the Arts, \$2,428,000. Of this
237 amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for
238 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
239 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects at the
240 Shakespeare Festival; and \$1,428,000 shall be used for the
241 facilities grant program. The Council of the Arts may award
242 grants from the facilities grant program for projects that
243 build, renovate, restore, preserve, or enhance arts facilities
244 in Alabama, including performing arts centers, art museums and
245 galleries, multi-purpose arts centers, artist residency
246 facilities, and outdoor performance venues. Eligible entities
247 include: (i) 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations chartered
248 in Alabama, active and in good standing with the Internal
249 Revenue Service and the council; or (ii) an entity of local
250 government. Grant amounts shall not exceed \$100,000 to any one
251 entity, with the first grant being reserved for the Princess
252 Theater for the Performing Arts for \$75,000.



253 (25) To the Alabama Department of Public Health,
254 \$7,450,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 shall be used to
255 coordinate with The University of Alabama at Birmingham for
256 the establishment of a North Alabama rural dental clinic
257 residency program; \$250,000 shall be used for Lions Sight eye
258 screenings; and \$2,200,000 shall be used for the Medical
259 Education Consortium for the expansion of the primary care
260 physician pipeline for rural and underserved Alabama.

261 (26) To the Lieutenant Governor for the K-12 Capital
262 Grant Program pursuant to Section 29-4-51, Code of Alabama
263 1975, to provide grants to eligible school systems to assist
264 with capital projects, deferred maintenance, or technology
265 needs, \$15,000,000. Any K-12 entity awarded a grant pursuant
266 to the program shall be allowed to amend their original grant
267 proposal if necessary to allow full utilization of the funds
268 awarded for an eligible purpose.

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

271 (28) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and
272 Education Commission/Fire College, \$1,400,000. Of this amount,
273 \$1,200,000 shall be used for an aerial apparatus; and \$200,000
274 shall be used for the Volunteer Firefighter Training Program.

275 (29) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education,
276 \$13,920,000. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 shall be used for the
277 Deferred Maintenance Program for Historically Black Colleges
278 and Universities in the state with no matching fund
279 requirements by the institution receiving a grant; \$2,500,000
280 shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo - Alabama Veterinary



281 Teaching Hospital; \$270,000 shall be used for the Best and
282 Brightest STEM Pilot Program pursuant to the provisions of Act
283 2020-204; \$850,000 shall be used for the EarlyWorks Museum in
284 Huntsville; \$250,000 shall be used for the NCAA Women's
285 Basketball Tournament; \$250,000 shall be used for the
286 Para-Cycling Road World Championship; \$500,000 shall be used
287 for the SEC Baseball Tournament; \$100,000 shall be used for
288 Selma University; \$200,000 shall be used for the Southern
289 Museum of Flight; \$500,000 shall be used for the USS Alabama
290 Battleship; and \$4,500,000 shall be used for the ReEngage
291 Alabama Grant Program pursuant to Act 2023-539.

292 (30) To the Historical Commission, \$5,200,000. Of this
293 amount, \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse Owens Memorial;
294 \$75,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller Foundation;
295 \$800,000 shall be used for the Community Foundation of
296 Northeast Alabama for one-time capital outlay expenses for
297 Remington Hall at the former Fort McClellan; \$950,000 shall be
298 used for Historic Blakeley Authority; \$100,000 shall be used
299 for Blacksmith Forge in Loachapoka; \$200,000 shall be used for
300 Historic Coppinville School Park in Enterprise; \$50,000 shall
301 be used for the Harrison Brothers Hardware Civil Rights Site;
302 \$75,000 shall be used for Lafayette's Visit Commemoration;
303 \$250,000 shall be used for the Historic Looney's Tavern
304 Theater renovation; \$575,000 shall be used for the Historic
305 Old State Bank renovation; \$50,000 shall be used for Pratt
306 City Historic signage; and \$2,000,000 shall be used for the
307 Clotilda Project.

308 (31) To the Legislative Council for the construction



309 and/or equipping of the new State House and Capitol complex
310 renovations in order to provide enhanced educational
311 opportunities for school children, college students, and other
312 residents from throughout the state, \$25,000,000.

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

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

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

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

319 (36) To the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science,
320 \$650,000.

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

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

326 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.

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