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SYNOPSIS:

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
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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 conditioned upon  
33 HB415 or another bill being enacted in the 2024 Regular  
34 Session repealing the Distressed Institutions of Higher  
35 Education Revolving Loan Program. Of this amount, \$15,000,000  
36 shall be appropriated to the K-12 Capital Grant Program,  
37 pursuant to Section 29-4-51, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide  
38 grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital  
39 projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs; and  
40 \$14,998,245 shall be appropriated to the Executive Commission  
41 on Community Services Grants to be distributed pursuant to  
42 Section 29-2-123, Code of 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, \$64,375,000. Of this amount, \$750,000 shall be used  
63 for the provisions of the Principal Leadership and Mentoring  
64 Act, which amount shall be carried forward into the fiscal  
65 year ending September 30, 2025 for the same purpose if not  
66 expended by the end of the fiscal year; \$400,000 shall be used  
67 for the Birmingham Education Foundation; \$15,000,000 shall be  
68 used for summer reading camps to support literacy attainment;  
69 \$17,000,000 shall be used for College and Career Readiness  
70 grants to continue expansion of support for activities that  
71 increase students' awareness of postsecondary opportunities;  
72 \$4,000,000 shall be distributed to the Teacher's Liability  
73 Trust Fund; \$5,000,000 shall be used to develop programs for  
74 struggling readers beyond grade 3; \$2,500,000 shall be used  
75 for Ed Farm; \$9,000,000 shall be used for a grant program for  
76 charter schools with funds to be allocated among the schools  
77 on a per pupil basis and used for the same purposes allowed  
78 for the Advancement and Technology Fund appropriations  
79 pursuant to Section 29-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975; \$2,000,000  
80 shall be used for Plasma Games curriculum; \$6,650,000 shall be  
81 used for capital projects at the American Village; \$700,000  
82 shall be used for the Wooley Institute for Spoken Language  
83 (WISE); \$500,000 shall be used for Small Magic school  
84 readiness programs; \$300,000 shall be used for the 1st Grade



85 Readiness Pilot Project; \$75,000 shall be expended for the  
86 Youth Entrepreneurial CEO Program; and \$500,000 shall be used  
87 by the Department of Education for an educational technology  
88 assessment pilot program that will provide six public school  
89 systems with a local inventory dashboard of education software  
90 programs used by their students and teachers. The pilot  
91 program shall compile usage data by educator and student,  
92 conduct rapid-cycle evaluations to measure the effectiveness  
93 of education software programs based on student outcomes, and  
94 support evidence-based analysis of education software programs  
95 aligned to the required levels of evidence in the Every  
96 Student Succeeds Act. Public school systems voluntarily  
97 participating in the pilot program shall be provided  
98 request-initiated workflows for educational technology  
99 procurement and adoption that allow for the assignment of  
100 internal district reviewers along with teacher and staff  
101 feedback. Of the above amount, \$6,000 shall be reserved for  
102 the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) to assist  
103 the department in selecting voluntary school district  
104 participation, managing the pilot program, and preparing an  
105 interim and final report on the pilot program.

106 (4) a. To the Department of Commerce for one-time  
107 expenses, \$8,300,000. Of this amount, \$2,450,000 shall be used  
108 for the Talent Triad; \$5,000,000 shall be used to support a  
109 Biotech Workforce Center in Birmingham; and \$850,000 shall be  
110 used to engage a third-party entity to conduct a statewide  
111 assessment of Alabama's key economic development-related  
112 infrastructure along targeted growth corridors in the state.



113 The statewide assessment shall encompass, but not be limited  
114 to, the following infrastructure components:

115 1. Transportation infrastructure, including road, rail,  
116 air, and sea transportation systems;

117 2. Digital infrastructure, including high-speed  
118 Internet and advanced telecommunications infrastructure;

119 3. Utilities infrastructure, including gas and electric  
120 generation, storage, transmission, and distribution; and

121 4. Water and sanitation infrastructure, including water  
122 supply and wastewater systems.

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

131 1. Speaker of the House of Representatives;

132 2. President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

133 3. Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

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

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

140 (6) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in



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

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

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

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

160 (10) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses  
161 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
162 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
163 \$12,000,000.

164 (11) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses  
165 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
166 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
167 \$9,000,000.

168 (12) To The University of Alabama System, \$66,000,000.



169 Of this amount, \$63,000,000 shall be used for expenses  
170 associated with recruiting and retaining students and faculty  
171 or one-time expenses for increasing research capacity,  
172 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
173 ongoing capital projects; and \$3,000,000 shall be used by The  
174 University of Alabama in Huntsville for one-time expenses for  
175 cybersecurity.

176 (13) To Athens State University for one-time expenses  
177 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
178 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
179 \$5,750,000.

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

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

192 (16) To Jacksonville State University, \$12,700,000. Of  
193 this amount, \$12,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses  
194 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
195 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and  
196 \$700,000 shall be used for the Paint Rock Forest Research



197 Center.

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

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

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

212 (20) To Troy University for one-time expenses for  
213 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
214 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
215 \$14,250,000.

216 (21) To the University of West Alabama, \$11,750,000. Of  
217 this amount, \$11,500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses  
218 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
219 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and  
220 \$250,000 shall be used for the Biodiversity Center.

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

224 (23) To the Alabama Community College System for





225 one-time expenses, \$112,390,057. Of this amount, \$25,000,000  
226 shall be used for the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Training  
227 Center at Bevill State Community College; \$3,000,000 shall be  
228 used for a truck driving training track at Jefferson State  
229 Community College; \$900,000 shall be used for the Northwest  
230 Alabama Workforce Training Center; \$27,640,057 shall be used  
231 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
232 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; \$800,000  
233 shall be used for the Mobile Area Education Foundation;  
234 \$18,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama Centers for Rural  
235 Healthcare per Act 2023-378, of which \$3,000,000 shall be used  
236 to complete the North Alabama collaborations; and \$37,050,000  
237 shall be used to establish a Capital Fund for ongoing deferred  
238 maintenance and capital project needs of community colleges.

239 (24) To the Council on the Arts, \$3,703,000. Of this  
240 amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for  
241 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
242 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects at the  
243 Shakespeare Festival; \$175,000 shall be used for the Alabama  
244 Symphony Orchestra; and \$2,528,000 shall be used for the  
245 facilities grant program. The Council of the Arts may award  
246 grants from the facilities grant program for projects that  
247 build, renovate, restore, preserve, or enhance arts facilities  
248 in Alabama, including performing arts centers, art museums and  
249 galleries, multi-purpose arts centers, artist residency  
250 facilities, and outdoor performance venues. Eligible entities  
251 include: (i) 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organizations chartered  
252 in Alabama, active and in good standing with the Internal



253 Revenue Service and the council; or (ii) an entity of local  
254 government. Grant amounts shall not exceed \$100,000 to any one  
255 entity, with the first two grants being reserved for the  
256 Princess Theater for the Performing Arts for \$75,000, and the  
257 ACTA Theatre for the maximum amount.

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

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

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

276 (28) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and  
277 Education Commission/Fire College, \$1,400,000. Of this amount,  
278 \$1,200,000 shall be used for an aerial apparatus; and \$200,000  
279 shall be used for the Volunteer Firefighter Training Program.

280 (29) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education,



281 \$13,920,000. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 shall be used for the  
282 Deferred Maintenance Program for Historically Black Colleges  
283 and Universities in the state with no matching fund  
284 requirements by the institution receiving a grant; \$2,500,000  
285 shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo - Alabama Veterinary  
286 Teaching Hospital; \$270,000 shall be used for the Best and  
287 Brightest STEM Pilot Program pursuant to the provisions of Act  
288 2020-204; \$850,000 shall be used for the EarlyWorks Museum in  
289 Huntsville; \$250,000 shall be used for the NCAA Women's  
290 Basketball Tournament; \$250,000 shall be used for the  
291 Para-Cycling Road World Championship; \$500,000 shall be used  
292 for the SEC Baseball Tournament; \$100,000 shall be used for  
293 Selma University; \$200,000 shall be used for the Southern  
294 Museum of Flight; \$500,000 shall be used for the USS Alabama  
295 Battleship; and \$4,500,000 shall be used for the ReEngage  
296 Alabama Grant Program pursuant to Act 2023-539.

297 (30) To the Historical Commission, \$6,300,000. Of this  
298 amount, \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse Owens Memorial;  
299 \$75,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller Foundation;  
300 \$100,000 shall be used for the Cahaba Heritage Homestead  
301 Foundation, Inc.; \$800,000 shall be used for the Community  
302 Foundation of Northeast Alabama for one-time capital outlay  
303 expenses for Remington Hall at the former Fort McClellan;  
304 \$950,000 shall be used for Historic Blakeley Authority;  
305 \$100,000 shall be used for Blacksmith Forge in Loachapoka;  
306 \$200,000 shall be used for Historic Coppinville School Park in  
307 Enterprise; \$50,000 shall be used for the Harrison Brothers  
308 Hardware Civil Rights Site; \$75,000 shall be used for



309 Lafayette's Visit Commemoration; \$250,000 shall be used for  
310 the Historic Looney's Tavern Theater renovation; \$575,000  
311 shall be used for the Historic Old State Bank renovation;  
312 \$50,000 shall be used for Pratt City Historic signage;  
313 \$1,000,000 shall be used for the Operating Grant Program  
314 pursuant to the provisions of Act 2023-379; and \$2,000,000  
315 shall be used for the Clotilda Project.

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

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

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

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

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

327 (36) To the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science,  
328 \$650,000.

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

332 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.

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