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SYNOPSIS:

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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 of the 2024 Regular Session being  
 38 enacted to repeal the Distressed Institutions of Higher  
 39 Education Revolving Loan Program; and \$14,998,245 shall be  
 40 used for the Executive Commission on Community Services Grants  
 41 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, \$101,224,918. Of this amount, \$13,839,874 shall be  
 52 used for ASIMS; \$20,000,000 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; \$8,155,657 shall be used  
60 for unanticipated Foundation Program shortfalls; and  
61 \$2,000,000 shall be used for Current Units to support the  
62 anticipated opening of new charter schools.

63 (3) To the State Department of Education for one-time  
64 expenses, \$61,725,000. Of this amount, \$400,000 shall be used  
65 for the Birmingham Education Foundation; \$15,000,000 shall be  
66 used for summer reading camps to support literacy attainment;  
67 \$17,000,000 shall be used for College and Career Readiness  
68 grants to continue expansion of support for activities that  
69 increase students' awareness of postsecondary opportunities;  
70 \$4,000,000 shall be distributed to the Teacher's Liability  
71 Trust Fund; \$5,000,000 shall be used to develop programs for  
72 struggling readers beyond grade 3; \$2,500,000 shall be used  
73 for Ed Farm; \$7,000,000 shall be used for a grant program for  
74 charter schools with funds to be allocated among the schools  
75 on a per pupil basis and used for the same purposes allowed  
76 for the Advancement and Technology Fund appropriations  
77 pursuant to Section 29-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975; \$2,000,000  
78 shall be used for Plasma Games curriculum; \$6,650,000 shall be  
79 used for capital projects at the American Village; \$700,000  
80 shall be used for the Wooley Institute for Spoken Language  
81 (WISE); \$500,000 shall be used for Small Magic school  
82 readiness programs; \$175,000 shall be used for the Symphony in  
83 Education Program; \$300,000 shall be used for the 1st Grade  
84 Readiness Pilot Project; and \$500,000 shall be used by the



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

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



113 1. Transportation infrastructure, including road, rail,  
114 air, and sea transportation systems;

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

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

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

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

129 1. Governor of Alabama;

130 2. Director of the Legislative Services Agency; and

131 3. Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

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

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

138 (6) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in  
139 Demopolis for one-time expenses, \$15,000,000. This  
140 appropriation is contingent upon the Alabama School of



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

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

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

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

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

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

166 (12) To The University of Alabama System, \$66,000,000.  
 167 Of this amount, \$63,000,000 shall be used for one-time  
 168 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred



169 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing  
170 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, \$2,653,000. 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 \$1,653,000 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 \$7,375,000. 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; \$175,000 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 capital outlay expenses for a  
 274 fire tower; and \$200,000 shall be used for the Volunteer  
 275 Firefighter Training Program.

276           (29) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education,  
 277 \$13,920,000. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 shall be used for the  
 278 Deferred Maintenance Program for HBCU colleges and  
 279 universities; \$2,500,000 shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo  
 280 - Alabama Veterinary Teaching Hospital; \$270,000 shall be used



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

291 (30) To the Historical Commission, \$5,275,000. Of this  
292 amount, \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse Owens Memorial;  
293 \$75,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller Foundation;  
294 \$800,000 shall be used for the Community Foundation of  
295 Northeast Alabama for one-time capital outlay expenses for  
296 Remington Hall at the former Fort McClellan; \$950,000 shall be  
297 used for Historic Blakeley Authority; \$100,000 shall be used  
298 for Blacksmith Forge in Loachapoka; \$200,000 shall be used for  
299 Historic Coppinville School Park in Enterprise; \$50,000 shall  
300 be used for the Harrison Brothers Hardware Civil Rights Site;  
301 \$75,000 shall be used for Lafayette's Visit Commemoration;  
302 \$250,000 shall be used for the Historic Looney's Tavern  
303 Theater renovation; \$650,000 shall be used for the Historic  
304 Old State Bank renovation; \$50,000 shall be used for Pratt  
305 City Historic signage; and \$2,000,000 shall be used for the  
306 Clotilda Project.

307 (31) To the Legislative Council for the construction  
308 and/or equipping of the new State House and Capitol complex



309 renovations in order to provide enhanced educational  
310 opportunities for school children, college students, and other  
311 residents from throughout the state, \$25,000,000.

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

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

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

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

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

320 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.

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