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3 By Representative Garrett
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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To make 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 amount of $29,998,245 and make 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.

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, established by Act 2023-389 of the 2023 Regular Session, to provide grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs, conditioned upon HB415 of the 2024 Regular Session being enacted to repeal the Distressed Institutions of Higher Education Revolving Loan Program; and $14,998,245 shall be used for the Executive Commission on Community Services Grants.
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, $109,002,918. Of this amount, $13,839,874 shall be used for ASIMS; $20,000,000 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; $8,155,657 shall be used for unanticipated Foundation Program shortfalls; $2,000,000 shall be used for Current Units to support the anticipated opening of new charter schools; and $7,778,000 shall be used for other current expenses, including any funds necessary to fund instructional units earned in the Foundation Program for assistant principals to 0.5 FTE for elementary schools with an ADM of 300-499.99 and 1 FTE for middle schools with an ADM of 300-499.99 at the beginning of school year 2024-2025.

(3) To the State Department of Education for one-time
expenses, $63,850,000. Of this amount, $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; $7,000,000 shall be used for charter school capital projects through a grant program; $2,000,000 shall be used for Plasma Games curriculum; $9,650,000 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; 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) To the Department of Commerce for one-time expenses, $7,450,000. Of this amount, $2,450,000 shall be used for the Talent Triad, and $5,000,000 shall be used to support a Biotech Workforce Center in Birmingham.

(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, $20,000,000. 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 ten 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 the Deaf and Blind for the Montgomery Regional Center relocation/expansion, $964,931.

(9) To the Marine Environmental Science Consortium for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing or future capital projects, $2,000,000.

(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 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, $12,500,000. 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 $500,000 shall be used for the Painted Rock Forest Research Center.

(17) To the University of Montevallo for one-time 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
defered 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
defered 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, $109,440,057. 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; and $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; $13,000,000
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 $40,000,000 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, $2,500,000. 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 $1,500,000 shall be used for the facilities grant program.

(25) To the Alabama Department of Public Health, $7,200,000. 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; 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 established by Act 2023-389, to provide grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs, $20,000,000.

(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 for the Volunteer Firefighter Training Program, $200,000.

(29) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, $11,770,000. Of this amount, $4,000,000 shall be used for the Deferred Maintenance Program for HBCU colleges and universities; $2,500,000 shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo
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- 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; $500,000 shall be used for the SEC Baseball Tournament; and $4,500,000 shall be used for the ReEngage Alabama Grant Program pursuant to Act 2023-539.

(30) To the Historical Commission, $2,950,000. 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; and $2,000,000 shall be used for the Clotilda Project.

(31) 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 citizens from throughout the state, $20,000,000.

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

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.
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Yeas 103
Nays 0
Abstains 0

John Treadwell
Clerk