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SYNOPSIS:

This bill makes supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities a total amount of $651,202,906.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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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 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, $9,000,000.
(2) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of Education, $135,008,464. Of this amount, $13,839,874 shall be used for ASIMS; $50,000,000 shall be used for purchases of new buses based on the current age and mileage of existing buses as
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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; $28,783,546 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; and $2,000,000 shall be used for Current Units to support the anticipated opening of new charter schools.

(3) To the State Department of Education for one-time expenses, $227,000,000. Of this amount, $100,000,000 shall be used for school safety grants for the overall security infrastructure of schools, including installing surveillance cameras, access control systems, alarm systems, creating secure entry points, and fencing to control access to the school premises. ALSDE shall develop a needs-based application to facilitate grant awards to ensure schools demonstrating the most critical security infrastructure needs are funded; $50,000,000 shall be distributed to the CHOOSE Act Fund established by House Bill X/Senate Bill X of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature or subsequent act of the Legislature for the purpose of funding Education Savings Accounts; $35,000,000 shall be used for student tablet or computer devices replacement through a matching grant program; $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
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opportunities; $7,500,000 shall be distributed to the Teacher’s Liability Trust Fund; and $2,500,000 shall be used for Ed Farm.

(4) To the Department of Commerce for one-time expenses, $9,950,000. Of this amount, $2,450,000 shall be used for the Talent Triad, and $7,500,000 shall be used to support a Biotech Workforce Center in Birmingham.

(5) To the Alabama Department of Revenue for Education Savings Account administration, $1,000,000.

(6) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in Demopolis for one-time expenses, $30,000,000.

(7) To the Alabama Supercomputer Authority for next generation firewalls for new sites, $700,000.

(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, $10,000,000.

(11) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $8,000,000.

(12) To the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa for one-time expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects, $20,500,000.
(13) To the University of Alabama at Birmingham for one-time expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects, $20,500,000.

(14) To the University of Alabama at Huntsville for one-time expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $12,000,000.

(15) To Athens State University one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $4,750,000.

(16) To Auburn University for one-time expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects, $20,500,000.

(17) To Auburn University at Montgomery for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $4,250,000.

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

(19) To University of Montevallo for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $7,750,000.

(20) To the University of North Alabama for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
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113 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
114 projects, $12,000,000.
115 (21) To the University of South Alabama for one-time
116 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
117 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
118 capital projects, $20,500,000.
119 (22) To Troy University for one-time expenses for
120 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
121 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $12,250,000.
122 (23) To the University of West Alabama for one-time
123 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
124 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
125 projects, $10,500,000.
126 (24) To Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for
127 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
128 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, $5,000,000.
129 (25) To the Alabama Community College System for
130 one-time expenses, $50,079,511. Of this amount, $25,000,000
131 shall be used for the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Training
132 Center at Bevill State Community College; $3,000,000 shall be
133 used for a truck driving training track at Jefferson State
134 Community College; and $22,079,511 shall be used for deferred
135 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
136 associated with ongoing capital projects.
137 (26) To the Council on the Arts for one-time expenses
138 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
139 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects at the
140 Shakespeare Festival, $1,000,000.
(27) To the Alabama Department of Public Health to coordinate with the University of Alabama at Birmingham for the establishment of a north Alabama rural dental clinic residency program, $5,000,000.

(28) Section 3, Line 559 of Act 2023-379, the Education Trust Fund Appropriations Act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, is hereby amended as follows:

“years of public-school nurse experience in nursing and highest degree earned. The pay of any”.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming law.