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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Jefferson County and municipalities located wholly or partially within the county; to authorize the levy of an additional residential building permit fee and to provide for the disbursement of that fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds that there is a shortage of skilled tradesmen in the residential construction industry in Jefferson County, including municipalities that are located wholly or partially within the county that, as authorized under Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, the county and municipalities of the county may lend its credit to or grant public funds and things of value in aid of the promotion of the residential construction industry within Jefferson County.

(b) The Jefferson County Commission and the governing bodies of any municipality located wholly or partially within Jefferson County, may levy up to twenty dollars (\$20), in addition to any other amount authorized by law, for the issuance of a residential building permit. A municipality may levy the fee within its corporate limits. The term residential



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29 building permit includes, but is not limited to, building
30 permits, mechanical permits, plumbing permits, electrical
31 permits, or any combination of the foregoing, and any other
32 fee required for the construction or remodeling of a new or
33 existing residence or structure as defined in Section
34 34-14A-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

35 (c) All amounts levied and collected under this section
36 shall be deposited into the treasury of the respective
37 governing body that collected the levy and shall be disbursed
38 by that governing body to the Central Alabama Homebuilding
39 Academy, which shall use the funds to train individuals in
40 skilled trades relating to the residential construction
41 industry, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 42 (1) Home building.
- 43 (2) Framing.
- 44 (3) Carpentry.
- 45 (4) Electrical.
- 46 (5) Plumbing.
- 47 (6) Masonry.
- 48 (7) Residential painting.
- 49 (8) Sheet rock installation and repair.
- 50 (9) Landscaping.
- 51 (10) HVAC.
- 52 (11) Pipe fitting.
- 53 (12) Natural Gas.
- 54 (13) Roofing.
- 55 (14) Irrigation.

56 (d) (1) Before any distribution of the levied funds to



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57 the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy, the academy shall
58 submit annually a proposed operating budget to the Jefferson
59 County Commission for review and approval. The proposed annual
60 budget shall be submitted no later than December 1 of each
61 year. The annual budget shall include a breakdown of all
62 anticipated operational costs and projected workforce programs
63 to be provided.

64 (2) After approval of the academy's annual budget by
65 the county commission, the county commission and the governing
66 body of each participating municipality shall distribute the
67 levy to the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy. Distribution
68 during the applicable annual approved budget year shall be on
69 a quarterly, or more frequent, basis as determined by the
70 governing body.

71 (3) When the amount of distributions the Central
72 Alabama Homebuilding Academy has received during a year equal
73 the annual approved budget for that year, the academy shall
74 notify all distributing governing bodies and shall stop
75 accepting distributions. Any fees collected by a governing
76 body after that date shall be held for future distribution to
77 the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy pursuant to a
78 supplemental budget distribution during that year or a later
79 year's annual budget distribution approved by the Jefferson
80 County Commission.

81 (e) Funds collected pursuant to this section may not be
82 used to develop or provide continuing education required by
83 any professional licensing board located within this state.

84 (f) (1) The Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy shall



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85 be audited annually by an independent certified public
86 accountant licensed in this state. No later than June 1 of
87 each year, the academy shall provide a report of the programs
88 and activities of the academy, as well as a full copy of its
89 annual audited financial statements, to the Jefferson County
90 Commission and the governing bodies of any municipality
91 located wholly or partially within Jefferson County.

92 (2) At its discretion and without cause, the Jefferson
93 County Commission may require the academy to be subject to an
94 audit at a time earlier than the academy's annual audit.

95 (g) Upon termination of the operations of the academy,
96 any funds collected by the Jefferson County Commission or the
97 governing body of any municipality for the use and benefit of
98 the academy shall be distributed to the Alabama Construction
99 Trade Academy Fund in the State Treasury.

100 Section 2. This act shall become effective June 1,
101 2024.