

**SB299 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Senator Singleton  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
5 First Read: 04-Apr-24



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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Legislature; to add Section 29-4-7 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Director of the Legislative Services Agency, and the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts may expend any available funds to further the mission of the agencies in certain circumstances; to allow an agency, department, board, bureau, commission, committee, institution, corporation, authority, or office of this state may expend public funds to further the mission of the agencies in certain circumstances; to amend Section 29-1-19 and Section 29-1-19.1, as last amended by Act 2023-224, 2023 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, to clarify the particular spaces in the Capitol and other buildings to which the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Director of the Legislative Services Agency have access; and to authorize the Legislature to control the entire portion of certain streets near the State Capitol complex in the City of Montgomery when those streets are closed by the City of Montgomery.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Section 29-4-7 is added to the Code of  
31 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

32 §29-4-7

33 The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of  
34 Representatives, the Director of the Legislative Services  
35 Agency, and the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners  
36 of Public Accounts may expend any available funds to purchase  
37 promotional items, items to recognize achievements or  
38 otherwise award staff, items to commemorate persons recognized  
39 by the Legislature, and to purchase meals for staff during  
40 training and while the Legislature is in legislative session  
41 with a certification that the staff were required or expected  
42 to work extended hours or through a regular meal time. Meals  
43 and other items provided pursuant to this section shall be  
44 limited to amounts that comply with United States Internal  
45 Revenue Service guidance on de minimis fringe benefits.

46 Section 2. An agency, department, board, bureau,  
47 commission, committee, institution, corporation, authority, or  
48 office of this state may expend public funds for the purchase  
49 of promotional items of nominal value for the purpose of  
50 carrying out its statutory duties, items to commemorate  
51 persons recognized for achievement or exceptional performance,  
52 and to purchase meals for staff during training or extended  
53 work sessions. Meals and other items provided pursuant to this  
54 section shall be limited to amounts that comply with United  
55 States Internal Revenue Service guidance on de minimis fringe  
56 benefits.



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57 Section 3. Section 29-1-19 and Section 29-1-19.1, as  
58 last amended by Act 2023-224, 2023 Regular Session, Code of  
59 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

60 "§29-1-19

61 (a) The House of Representatives shall have the use of  
62 all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable  
63 space located on the second floor in the south wing of the  
64 Capitol. The Senate shall have the use of all offices, rooms,  
65 corridors, lavatories, and other usable space located on the  
66 second floor in the north wing of the Capitol. All of ~~said~~  
67 this space shall be for the use of the Legislature, ~~and the~~  
68 committees, members, officers, and employees thereof. The  
69 Clerk of the House shall have and exercise custody, control,  
70 and care of the space ~~herein~~ designated in this subsection for  
71 the use of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of  
72 the Senate shall have and exercise custody, control, and care  
73 of the space ~~herein~~ so designated for the use of the Senate.

74 (b) In addition, the Secretary of the Senate shall have  
75 and exercise full custody, control, and care of the Senate  
76 chamber and the rooms adjacent thereto on the south side  
77 thereof, and the Clerk of the House shall have and exercise  
78 full custody, control, and care of the hall of the House of  
79 Representatives and the rooms adjacent thereto on the north  
80 side thereof, and rooms 213 and 214, and, while the  
81 Legislature is in session, room 216, in the Capitol building.  
82 The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall  
83 jointly have custody, control, and care of all rooms on the  
84 third floor of the Capitol for the use of the Legislature.



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85           (c) In addition, whenever it is deemed necessary for  
86 the Legislature to convene at any place outside of the  
87 Capitol, the Clerk of the House shall have the use of and  
88 exercise full custody, control, and care of all offices,  
89 rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space ~~on the~~  
90 ~~floor of the building in which~~ assigned to or occupied by the  
91 ~~House of Representatives meets or occupies; and;~~ the Secretary  
92 of the Senate shall have the use of and exercise full custody,  
93 control, and care of all offices, rooms, corridors,  
94 lavatories, and other usable space ~~on the floor of the~~  
95 ~~building in which~~ assigned to or occupied by the Senate; ~~meets~~  
96 ~~or occupies~~ and the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the  
97 Senate, and the Director of the Legislative Services Agency  
98 shall have the use of and exercise full custody, control, and  
99 care of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other  
100 usable space jointly used or occupied by joint legislative  
101 staff."

102           "§29-1-19.1

103           (a) The Legislature of the State of Alabama may control  
104 the usage of a certain portion of those streets adjacent to  
105 the State Capitol complex in the City of Montgomery and the  
106 grounds of the State Capitol building, viz: That portion of  
107 King Street and Pelham Street, lying between Union and Ripley  
108 Streets ~~(over which the city has relinquished control);~~ the  
109 parking lot located across Union Street to the rear of the  
110 Capitol building between the administrative building and  
111 highway building and bounded by Union, Ripley, and King  
112 Streets and McDowell Lee Lane owned by the Legislative Council



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113 of the State of Alabama; the parking facilities connected to  
114 and adjacent to the former Highway Department Building and now  
115 designated "the Alabama State House"; all of that lot bounded  
116 by Washington, Jackson, and Ripley Streets and McDowell Lee  
117 Lane owned by the ~~State of Alabama~~ Retirement Systems of  
118 Alabama; and the driveway and parking spaces on the grounds  
119 surrounding the Capitol itself, all the aforesaid being  
120 exclusive of any right-of-way or rights-of-way or parking  
121 facilities ~~now controlled by the City of Montgomery~~.

122 (b) The Legislature may exercise control over the usage  
123 of the areas through the joint parking committee created by  
124 Act No. 8, Organizational Session 1975, or its successor, or  
125 by subsequent legislative action; and the chief of services of  
126 the division of services shall work in cooperation with the  
127 Legislature regarding any action taken by the Legislature as  
128 hereby authorized.

129 (c) If any street adjoining property controlled by the  
130 Legislature as described in subsection (a) is closed by the  
131 City of Montgomery, the Legislature gains control of the  
132 entirety of the street, and the Legislature shall grant  
133 adjacent and surrounding property owners unimpeded access to  
134 their property."

135 Section 4. This act shall become effective on October  
136 1, 2024.

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140 Read for the first time and referred .....04-Apr-24  
141 to the Senate committee on County  
142 and Municipal Government  
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144 Read for the second time and placed .....11-Apr-24  
145 on the calendar:  
146 0 amendments  
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148 Read for the third time and passed .....16-Apr-24  
149 as amended  
150 Yeas 31  
151 Nays 0  
152 Abstains 0  
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Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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