

SENATE FIRST READINGS

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By Senators Sessions, Livingston and Chesteen:

SB300 Relating to exemptions from taxation and licenses; to amend Section 40-9-1, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the market value threshold amount for which tangible personal property is exempt from the state ad valorem tax; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Senator Hovey (With Notice and Proof):

SB301 Relating to Lee County; to provide for the electronic filing of business property tax returns.

Committee on Local Legislation

By Senator Shelnett:

SB302 Relating to motorcycles; to amend Section 32-5A-245, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize individuals of a certain age who carry certain health insurance to operate or ride on a motorcycle without protective headgear.

Committee on Banking and Insurance

By Senator Orr, Livingston, Allen, Sessions, Price, Chesteen, Williams, Melson, Singleton, Roberts, Carnley, Bell, and Kitchens:

SB303 Relating to the School Principal Leadership and Mentoring Act; to amend Section 16-6I-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the definition used to determine eligibility of principals and assistant principals to receive annual stipends.

Committee on Finance and Taxation Education

By Senator Orr:

SB304 Relating to energy infrastructure; to add Article 2E, Chapter 10, Title 41, commencing with Section 41-10-48.01, to the Code of Alabama 1975; to enact the Powering Growth Act; to establish the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Bank as a division within the State Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of selecting and assisting in the financing of qualified energy infrastructure projects necessary to meet the energy demands of economic development and industrial recruitment projects throughout the State of Alabama; to provide for the sources of capitalization and liability of the bank; to provide procedures for the issuance of loans to electric providers; to authorize the bank to issue bonds under certain conditions, secured by various revenue sources made available to the bank; to establish the Strategic Energy Infrastructure Development Fund within the State Treasury under the State Industrial Development Authority and provide for its funding; to authorize the State Industrial Development Authority to use the fund to purchase or otherwise obtain long lead-time energy infrastructure equipment and support for industrial site needs throughout the state; to establish a process to sell and distribute equipment procured by the fund; and to require the authority to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature regarding the activities of the bank and use of the strategic development fund.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Orr, Smitherman, Waggoner, Bell and Chesteen:

SB305 Relating to the funding of public K-12 education; to add Article 16 to Chapter 13 of Title 16, commencing with Section 16-13-360, to the Code of Alabama 1975; to create the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Act; to establish a process to provide additional funding for public K-12 schools for the purpose of addressing the educational needs of the student population and improving outcomes; to establish the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Fund and provide for its funding and appropriation; to require reporting of student data by local education agencies; to establish priorities for use of the additional funding; to establish goals for student achievement; to require accountability reports on the expenditure and use of the additional funding through the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Fund; to establish a review committee on the

Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Act to identify needed revisions for continued improvement; to establish an accountability review board to review accountability reports and progress in achieving student achievement goals; and to require the State Department of Education to develop a unified system that streamlines applications and reporting for all state and federal funding programs.

Committee on Finance and Taxation Education

By Senators Kitchens and Orr:

SB306 Relating to counties and municipalities; to require the online publication of certain discretionary account funds and expenditures.

Committee on County and Municipal Government

By Senators Kelley and Orr:

SB307 Relating to counties and municipalities; to require the online publication of all financial statements, audits, monthly expenditures, and budgets.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Price (With Notice and Proof):

SB308 Relating to Lee County; to amend Sections 45-41-130, 45-41-130.01, 45-41-130.02, and 45-41-130.03, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the county engineer and county commission.

Committee on Local Legislation

By Senator Allen:

SB309 Relating to motor vehicles; to add Section 32-9C-12 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to

provide restrictions on the use of oversized or overweight vehicles operated by automated driving systems; and to amend Act 2024-453, 2024 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 32-9C-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the relation of ADS-equipped vehicles to other laws and requirements.

Committee on Transportation and Energy

By Senator Waggoner (With Notice and Proof):

SB310 Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Sections 45-37-72.20 and 45-37-72.21, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the filling of vacancies on the county commission; and to repeal Sections 45-37-72.22 and 45-72.23, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to election dates.

Committee on Jefferson County Legislation

By Senators Carnley, Orr, Sessions, Williams, Butler, Bell, Waggoner, Kitchens, Allen, Gudger, Stutts, Barfoot, Kelley, Smitherman and Singleton:

SB311 Relating to public highways; to amend Section 23-1-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the issuance of a permit for access to certain state rights-of-way on public highways; to provide certain permit processing deadlines; to authorize associated condemnation actions to be expedited; and to require the Department of Transportation to adopt rules.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Smitherman and Bell:

SB312 Relating to alcoholic beverages; to add Section 28-3A-19.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue a license to dispense alcoholic beverages on an occasional basis on property controlled by the state or a political subdivision; to add Chapter 3B to Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue a license to store alcoholic beverages in a facility for transfer to locations also licensed by the board for special events; to amend Sections 28-3A-19 and 28-3A-20 to make conforming changes; and to amend Section 28-3A-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to set license fees.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Smitherman, Orr, Albritton, Price, Carnley, Kitchens, and Bell:

SB313 Relating to the Alabama 21st Century Authority; to amend Section 41-10-629, Code of Alabama 1975, establishing the Alabama 21st Century Fund; to allow funds not needed to pay debt service on bonds of the authority to be used by the State Industrial Development Authority for any of the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Bank's authorized purposes; to transfer fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) from the Alabama 21st Century Fund to the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Bank for the Strategic Energy Infrastructure Development Fund, and for any of its authorized purposes; to transfer ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the Alabama 21st Century Fund to the Alabama Incentives Financing Authority to pay for certain project and project costs; and to make this act contingent upon enactment of legislation during the 2025 Regular Session, or other special session of the Legislature, creating the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Bank and the Strategic Energy Infrastructure Development Fund within the State Industrial Development Authority.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Bell (With Notice and Proof):

SB314 Relating to Shelby County; to authorize the county commission to levy an additional motor vehicle license and registration issuance fee; and to provide for distribution of the proceeds.

Committee on Shelby County Legislation

By Senator Singleton:

SB315 Relating to the Alabama 21st Century Authority; to amend Section 41-10-629, Code of Alabama 1975, establishing the Alabama 21st Century Fund; to allow funds not needed to pay debt service on bonds of the authority to be used to pay other project costs and debt service obligations of the State Industrial Development Authority; to transfer five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the fund to the Alabama Department of Commerce for the establishment of international offices, enhancement of rural development strategies, and to cover operational and personnel costs.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Singleton:

SB316 Relating to alcoholic beverages; to add Section 28-3A-6.5 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to issue an educational tourism distillery license; to regulate retail sale of alcoholic beverages by the licensee; to levy a tax on liquor manufactured by the licensee; to provide for storage of liquor manufactured by the licensee; and to amend Section 28-3A-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to set a license fee.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Singleton, Gudger, Livingston, and Smitherman:

SB317 Relating to the Alabama Innovation Corporation; to amend Section 41-10-803, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide staggered terms for the board of directors.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Singleton:

SB318 Relating to service contracts; to amend Sections 8-32-2, 8-32-3, and 8-32-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to require certain disclosure when advertising contracts; to further provide for the limitations, exceptions, and exclusions of contracts that must be disclosed; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development