



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 304

Committee: Fiscal Responsibility and
Economic Development

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Senate Bill 304 as introduced would authorize the State Industrial Development Authority (SIDA) to issue up to \$1.0 billion in bonds to provide loans and other financial assistance for eligible energy infrastructure projects that support economic growth. This would increase the annual debt service obligations of the Authority by an estimated \$50.3 million for 40 years. This bill would require that eligible energy infrastructure projects be identified and selected by the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Bank, established pursuant to this bill as a division within SIDA. This bill would also create the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Fund, within the State Treasury, to receive funds from the Alabama 21st Century Fund, federal funds, public/private contributions and donations, SIDA available revenues, bond proceeds, and other lawful sources to be expended pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

Additionally, this bill would create the Strategic Energy Infrastructure Development (SEID) Fund within the State Treasury and would require initial funding of \$50 million to be appropriated from the Alabama 21st Century Fund and funding from other lawful sources, including but not limited to, legislative appropriations and revenue sources directed by the Legislature. This bill would require that monies in the SEID Fund be used to purchase long-lead time energy infrastructure equipment and to provide funding for site-specific infrastructure development identified by SIDA for development.

Finally, this bill would increase the obligations of the State Industrial Development Authority by an undetermined amount to implement and administer the provisions of this bill.