



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 177

Committee: Economic Development and
Tourism

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Senate Bill 177 as passed the Senate could decrease potential income and sales tax receipts to the Education Trust Fund and lodgings tax receipts to the State General Fund and the Alabama Tourism Department by an undetermined amount dependent upon the amount of rebates and tax exemptions provided to qualified production companies pursuant to the following changes to the Entertainment Industry Incentive (EII) Act of 2009 provided by this bill: (1) increasing the maximum production expenditure threshold eligible for a rebate by \$5 million for a total cap of \$25 million; (2) providing rebates for certain production expenditures for music albums of greater than \$30,000, up to \$200,000; and (3) increasing the aggregate cap on incentives authorized by the EII Act by \$10 million for an aggregate annual cap of \$30 million, for fiscal year 2026 and thereafter.

This bill would also: (1) reserve \$2 million of the annual aggregate cap for the production of music albums, with exceptions; and (2) allow up to \$3 million of unspent incentives to be carried forward to the following fiscal year.

Finally, this bill could increase the obligations of the Department of Revenue by undetermined amount, beginning in fiscal year 2026, dependent on the cost to contract with an out-of-state entity to review and evaluate the program and report the findings to the Legislature by the 2027 regular session.