



**House Ways and Means General Fund Reported
Substitute for HB526**

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-10-629, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§41-10-629

(a) For the benefit of the State of Alabama and the ~~citizens~~residents thereof, there is hereby created a special fund named the "Alabama 21st Century Fund" which shall be funded with tobacco revenues and administered in accordance with this division. ~~The following amounts shall be retained in the special fund in the following fiscal years and shall be~~



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~~used to pay principal, interest, and premium, if any, due on
bonds issued by the authority.~~

Fiscal Year	Amount to be Retained
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2000	\$7,000,000
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2001	9,000,000
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2002	11,000,000
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2003-2017	13,000,000
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2018 and thereafter	16,000,000
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Beginning in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, sixteen
million dollars (\$16,000,000) shall be retained in the special
fund and shall be used to pay principal, interest, and
premium, if any, due on bonds issued by the authority.

(b) Pending the use of revenues in the special fund for
the payment of debt service on the bonds, such revenues shall
be invested by the State Treasurer in permitted investments
until such revenues are needed for such purposes. Earnings on
such permitted investments shall remain a part of the special
fund. ~~For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, twenty
million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be transferred from the
Alabama 21st Century Fund to the State General Fund.~~ If amounts
in the special fund are no longer needed to pay obligations of
the Alabama 21st Century Authority, the authority must
maintain no less than 1.3 times the maximum annual debt



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service payable on all authority obligations. Funds in excess thereof may be used for the following:

(1) To pay for project and project costs as defined in Section 41-10-541.

(2) To pay debt service on bonds issued by the Alabama Incentives Financing Authority.

(3) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, a one-time transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Alabama 21st Century 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.

(c) In addition to any uses permitted by law, the funds of the Alabama 21st Century Authority may be used in any manner consistent with this article as determined by resolution of the authority."

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.