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SYNOPSIS:

This bill makes supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, from the Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of \$524,276,588.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, from the Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of \$524,276,588.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a total of \$524,276,588 from the Education Trust Fund to the following agencies and entities for the purposes specified below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025:

(1) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of Education, \$133,000,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 shall be used for TEAMS to cover current contracts; \$28,000,000 shall be used for textbook adoption; and \$100,000,000 shall be

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29 distributed according to the fleet renewal guidelines to be
30 used for the purchase of school buses or the retirement of
31 school bus debt. For any school system that is currently up
32 to date in purchasing regular route buses, application may be
33 made to the State Superintendent of Education to flex these
34 funds for other educational purposes.

35 (2) To the State Department of Education for one-time
36 expenses, \$161,114,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 shall be
37 for Ed Farm to be used for capital outlay or other necessary
38 expenses for a coding workforce training program; \$5,000,000
39 shall be used for AED's in Schools; \$50,000,000 shall be for
40 School Safety to provide additional training, services,
41 supplies, and materials to support school safety initiatives
42 and safety contracts; \$20,000,000 shall be used for College
43 and Career Readiness Grants; \$10,300,000 shall be used for
44 Charter School Grants which shall be distributed to the
45 several existing conversion and start-up charter schools on a
46 per pupil basis; \$5,000,000 shall be used for the Heman
47 Drummond Center for Innovation; \$14,000,000 shall be used for
48 Principal and Assistant Principal Supplements to cover current
49 obligations; \$350,000 shall be used for Speech Pathologists to
50 cover current obligations; \$30,000,000 shall be used for the
51 Summer and Afterschool Program; \$10,000,000 shall be used for
52 Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 to support middle grade
53 reading improvements; \$3,464,000 shall be used for the
54 American Village Semiquincentennial Commission for the
55 Semiquincentennial School Program, Community Engagement
56 Grants, Marketing and Communication, Honoring Veterans, and

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57 Administration Costs; \$7,500,000 shall be used for the North
58 Alabama STEM Center; and \$500,000 shall be used to begin the
59 development of a course in United States History, Government,
60 and/or Civics aligned to the Alabama Course of Study: Social
61 Studies, to be offered to all preK-12 teachers in an online
62 format. The Department shall consult with organizations and
63 agencies which can lend aid to this project, including
64 American Village and Alabama Public Television.

65 (3) To the Educational Television Commission for the
66 Madison Avenue Studio and New State House Studio, \$4,000,000.

67 (4) To the Council on the Arts, \$2,100,000. Of this
68 amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for
69 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
70 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects at the
71 Shakespeare Festival; \$100,000 shall be used for a
72 collaborative community outreach program at the Shakespeare
73 Festival; and \$1,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses
74 for the Carnegie Visual Arts Museum expansion.

75 (5) To the Department of Economic and Community
76 Affairs, \$20,000,000. This appropriation shall be used to
77 deploy broadband infrastructure in rural communities in
78 accordance with the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund.
79 Additionally, the funds will be used for a competitive grant
80 program to support online training programs and certifications
81 and job placement assistance in technology fields and
82 reasonable administrative expenses for the administering
83 agency. The funds will be administered by the Alabama
84 Department of Economic and Community Affairs in collaboration

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85 with the Alabama Digital Expansion Authority. The Alabama
86 Department of Economic and Community Affairs will award these
87 funds as a part of a public private partnership to increase
88 digital literacy, create technology jobs, and attract
89 businesses to rural Alabama.

90 (6) To the Music Hall of Fame, \$250,000.

91 (7) To the Public Library Service for the Supreme Court
92 Law Library, \$200,000.

93 (8) To the Alabama Department of Revenue, \$50,513,000.
94 Of this amount, \$50,000,000 shall be distributed to the CHOOSE
95 Act Fund established by Act 2024-21 of the 2024 Regular
96 Session of the Legislature for the purpose of funding
97 Education Savings Accounts; and \$513,000 shall be used for the
98 Education Savings Account administration.

99 (9) To the Alabama Supercomputer Authority, \$2,000,000.
100 Of this amount, \$1,400,000 shall be used for the Data Center
101 Renovation Project and \$600,000 shall be used for the FCC K-12
102 Cybersecurity Pilot Project - ASA Match.

103 (10) To the Department of Workforce for a state
104 veterans transition public/private partnership that will
105 provide comprehensive support to include career transition
106 and education and community integration, \$5,000,000.

107 (11) To the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and
108 Engineering for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance and
109 school safety, \$1,000,000.

110 (12) To the Alabama School of Fine Arts for one-time
111 expenses for deferred maintenance and school safety,
112 \$1,000,000.

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113 (13) To the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
114 for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance and school
115 safety, \$1,000,000.

116 (14) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and
117 Education Commission/Fire College, \$1,200,000. Of this amount,
118 \$600,000 shall be used for the Muscle Shoals Regional Training
119 Center Burn Building and \$600,000 shall be used for one-time
120 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
121 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
122 projects.

123 (15) To the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium,
124 \$7,000,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 shall be used for the
125 new dormitory and \$2,000,000 shall be used for waterline
126 infrastructure improvements.

127 (16) To the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind for
128 one-time expenses for deferred maintenance and school safety,
129 \$1,000,000.

130 (17) To the Alabama Community College System for
131 one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of
132 existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing
133 capital projects, \$28,861,836.

134 (18) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses
135 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
136 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
137 \$3,222,688.

138 (19) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses
139 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
140 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,

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141 \$3,530,844.

142 (20) To the University of Alabama System for one-time
143 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
144 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
145 capital projects, \$42,087,475.

146 (21) To Athens State University for one-time expenses
147 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
148 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
149 \$3,022,700.

150 (22) To Auburn University for one-time expenses for
151 increasing research infrastructure and instrumentation,
152 technology systems, deferred maintenance, renovation of
153 existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects, \$19,000,000.

154 (23) To Auburn University at Montgomery for one-time
155 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
156 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
157 projects, \$3,062,202.

158 (24) To Jacksonville State University for one-time
159 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
160 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
161 projects, \$3,232,743.

162 (25) To the University of Montevallo for one-time
163 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
164 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
165 projects, \$3,028,237.

166 (26) To the University of North Alabama, \$3,099,716. Of
167 this amount, \$1,599,716 shall be used for one-time expenses
168 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,

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169 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, and
170 \$1,500,000 shall be used for the Lauderdale County Workforce
171 Center.

172 (27) To the University of South Alabama for one-time
173 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
174 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
175 capital projects, \$11,080,106.

176 (28) To Troy University for one-time expenses for
177 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
178 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, \$4,612,751.

179 (29) To the University of West Alabama for one-time
180 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
181 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
182 projects, \$3,058,290.

183 (30) To Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for
184 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
185 school security, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
186 projects, \$3,000,000.

187 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately
188 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its
189 otherwise becoming law.