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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Education Opportunities Reserve Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of \$133,000,000.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Education Opportunities Reserve Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of \$133,000,000.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated a total of \$133,000,000 from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund to the following agencies and entities for the purposes specified below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

- (1) To the State Department of Education, \$100,000,000.

Of this amount, \$40,000,000 shall be distributed to each LEA based on the number of students who qualify for free and/or reduced priced lunches, including direct certification, but

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29 not inclusive of community eligible provisions. Of this
30 amount, \$20,000,000 shall be distributed to county boards of
31 education in counties where the total county population,
32 inclusive of all residents both within and outside of
33 incorporated areas, is less than 50 residents per square mile
34 as identified by US Census Bureau data. Of this amount,
35 \$40,000,000 shall be distributed to each LEA based on Special
36 Education student population as identified by the annual Child
37 Count.

38 (2) To the Alabama Department of Workforce,
39 \$18,000,000. Of this amount, \$15,000,000 shall be used for
40 regional workforce development partnerships with four-year
41 universities with less than \$100,000,000 in research
42 expenditures that establish career pathway and training
43 programs designed to meet industry demands, support economic
44 growth, and create a more dynamic workforce statewide. Of this
45 amount, \$3,000,000 shall be used for regional workforce
46 development partnerships with the Alabama Community College
47 System that establish career pathway and training programs
48 designed to meet industry demands, support economic growth,
49 and create a more dynamic workforce statewide.

50 (3) To higher education research institutions with over
51 \$100,000,000 in annual research expenditures, \$15,000,0000
52 shall be appropriated based upon the total research
53 expenditures as reported by the Higher Education Research and
54 Development (HERD) survey, for start-up or transitional
55 support for transformational initiatives that provide access
56 to enhanced educational and research opportunities for

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57 students. The above appropriation shall be allocated to the
58 following institutions in the following amounts:

59	Auburn University	\$3,544,575
60	University of Alabama	\$1,876,243
61	University of Alabama at Birmingham	\$7,920,643
62	University of Alabama in Huntsville	\$1,658,539

63 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
64 act or any other act, any amount from appropriations for the
65 fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 to the various state
66 agencies and institutions in this act, which are unexpended
67 and reverted on September 30, 2025 are hereby reappropriated
68 to the respective state agencies, offices, and institutions
69 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025.

70 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
71 1, 2025.