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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Jefferson County and municipalities located wholly or partially within the county; to authorize the levy of an additional residential building permit fee and to provide for the distribution of that fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds that there is a shortage of skilled tradesmen in the residential construction industry in Jefferson County and the municipalities located wholly or partially within the county. The Legislature further finds that, as authorized under Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, the county and municipalities within the county may lend their credit to or grant public funds and things of value to promote the residential construction industry within Jefferson County.

(b)(1) The Jefferson County Commission and the governing body of any municipality located wholly or partially within Jefferson County, may levy an additional fee of up to twenty dollars (\$20), for the issuance of a residential building permit. The additional fee shall be set by the governing body pursuant to a resolution or ordinance and shall



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be in addition to any other amount authorized by law. A municipality shall levy the fee for a residential building permit within its corporate limits.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the term residential building permit includes, but is not limited to, building permits, mechanical permits, plumbing permits, electrical permits, or any combination of the foregoing, and any other permit required for the construction or remodeling of a new or existing residence or structure as defined in Section 34-14A-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

(c) All amounts levied and collected under this section shall be deposited into the treasury of the respective levying governing body and shall be distributed by that governing body to the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy, subject to subsection (d), which shall use the funds to train individuals in skilled trades relating to the residential construction industry including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Home building.
- (2) Framing.
- (3) Carpentry.
- (4) Electrical.
- (5) Plumbing.
- (6) Masonry.
- (7) Residential painting.
- (8) Sheet rock installation and repair.
- (9) Landscaping.
- (10) HVAC.
- (11) Pipe fitting.



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57 (12) Natural Gas.

58 (13) Roofing.

59 (14) Irrigation.

60 (d) (1) The Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy shall
61 submit, no later than October 1 of each year, an annual
62 proposed operating budget to the Jefferson County Commission
63 for review and approval by the Jefferson County Commission no
64 later than December 1 of each year. The annual budget shall
65 include a breakdown of all anticipated operational costs and
66 projected workforce programs to be provided.

67 (2) After approval of the academy's annual budget by
68 the county commission, the county commission and the governing
69 body of each participating municipality shall distribute the
70 funds collected pursuant to this section to the Central
71 Alabama Homebuilding Academy. Distributions during the
72 applicable annual approved budget year shall be no longer than
73 quarterly, as determined by the governing body.

74 (3) The Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy shall
75 notify each participating governing body when the academy has
76 received an amount of funding equal to the annual approved
77 budget for that year. Notwithstanding subdivision (2), upon
78 receiving notification, each participating governing body
79 shall continue collecting the levied fee pursuant to this
80 section and shall cease distributing funds to the academy for
81 that year's budget. Funds collected and not distributed to the
82 academy during a budget year shall be retained for
83 supplemental budget distribution or a later year's annual
84 budget distribution as approved by the Jefferson County



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Commission.

(e) Funds collected pursuant to this section may not be used to develop or provide continuing education required by any professional licensing board operating within this state.

(f) (1) No later than June 1 annually, the Central Alabama Homebuilding Academy shall provide to each participating governing body a report on the programs and activities of the academy and a full copy of any annual financial statements prepared by an independent certified public accountant licensed in this state. The conditions of this subdivision shall be satisfied before any governing body may distribute funds collected pursuant to this section to the academy.

(2) At any time the Jefferson County Commission may subject the academy to an audit.

(g) Upon termination of the operations of the academy, any funds collected by the Jefferson County Commission or the governing body of any municipality pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Alabama Construction Trade Academy Fund in the State Treasury.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1, 2025.