

# HB526 ENGROSSED



1 HB526  
2 G3BRY62-2  
3 By Representative Brown  
4 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund  
5 First Read: 03-Apr-25



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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.~~

<del>Fiscal Year</del>	<del>Amount to be Retained</del>
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<del>2000</del>	<del>\$7,000,000</del>
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<del>2001</del>	<del>9,000,000</del>
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<del>2002</del>	<del>11,000,000</del>
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<del>2003-2017</del>	<del>13,000,000</del>
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<del>2018 and thereafter</del>	<del>16,000,000</del>
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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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55 service payable on all authority obligations. Funds in excess  
56 thereof may be used for the following:

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

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

61 (3) For the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, a  
62 one-time transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Alabama 21st Century  
63 Fund to the Alabama Department of Commerce for the  
64 establishment of international offices, enhancement of rural  
65 development strategies, and to cover operational and personnel  
66 costs.

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

71 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
72 immediately.



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### House of Representatives

76 Read for the first time and referred .....03-Apr-25  
77 to the House of Representatives  
78 committee on Ways and Means General  
79 Fund  
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81 Read for the second time and placed .....09-Apr-25  
82 on the calendar:  
83 1 amendment  
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85 Read for the third time and passed .....15-Apr-25  
86 as amended  
87 Yeas 96  
88 Nays 0  
89 Abstains 3  
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John Treadwell  
Clerk