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SYNOPSIS:

This bill makes supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 from the Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of \$419,717,091.

The bill would also transfer \$49,920 from the Alabama Student Assistance Program Fund to the Commission on Higher Education Fund; transfer \$148,192 from the Knight Court Monitor Fund to the Commission on Higher Education Fund; transfer \$114,723 from the Teacher Education Scholarship Loan Fund to the Commission on Higher Education Fund; and make a supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Commission on Higher Education Fund to the Commission on Higher Education in the amount of \$312,835.

The bill would make a supplemental appropriation from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department of Revenue for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$100,000,000.

The bill would authorize the Alabama Historical Commission to use returned or unused funds previously appropriated from the Education Trust Fund for historical grants to provide additional grants.

This bill would authorize grant funds allocated



29 to conversion charter schools pursuant to Act 2024-428
30 to be used as needed by the conversion charter school.

31 This bill would also amend Act 2025-270, the
32 Education Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending
33 September 30, 2026, to clarify the intent of an
34 appropriation to the Department of Public Health.

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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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41 To make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal
42 year ending September 30, 2026, from the Education Trust Fund
43 to various agencies and entities in a total amount of
44 \$419,717,091, as follows: \$25,000,000 to the Department of
45 Education-Local Boards of Education; \$142,845,000 to the
46 Department of Education; \$500,000 to the Public Library
47 Service; \$2,500,000 to the School of Cyber Technology and
48 Engineering; \$2,500,000 to the School of Fine Arts; \$2,000,000
49 to the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium; \$2,500,000 to
50 the School of Mathematics and Science; \$1,000,000 to the
51 School of Healthcare Sciences; \$7,961,087 to the Department of
52 Rehabilitation Services; \$12,650,000 to the Department of
53 Public Health; \$27,126,249 to the Alabama Community College
54 System; \$8,848,960 to the Alabama Commission on Higher
55 Education; \$6,900,000 to the Department of Workforce;
56 \$2,000,000 to the Alabama Innovation Fund; \$2,150,000 to the



57 Educational Television Commission; \$8,401,824 to Alabama A&M
58 University; \$4,360,182 to Alabama State University;
59 \$44,169,369 to the University of Alabama System; \$1,615,927 to
60 Athens State University; \$20,406,603 to Auburn University;
61 \$1,661,328 to Auburn University at Montgomery; \$4,440,678 to
62 Jacksonville State University; \$2,967,772 to the University of
63 Montevallo; \$4,538,046 to the University of North Alabama;
64 \$9,579,249 to the University of South Alabama; \$5,175,081 to
65 Troy University; \$2,974,736 to the University of West Alabama;
66 \$500,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Industries;
67 \$1,575,000 to the Council on the Arts; \$10,000,000 to the
68 Executive Commission on Community Services Grants; \$6,310,000
69 to the Alabama Historical Commission; \$37,500,000 to the
70 Legislative Council; \$3,500,000 to the U.S. Space and Rocket
71 Center Commission; \$1,025,000 to the Firefighters' Personnel
72 Standards and Education Commission/Fire College; \$300,000 to
73 the Geological Survey; \$1,735,000 to the Department of Human
74 Resources; and \$500,000 to the Institute for the Deaf and
75 Blind; to transfer \$49,920 from the Alabama Student Assistance
76 Program Fund to the Commission on Higher Education Fund; to
77 transfer \$148,192 from the Knight Court Monitor Fund to the
78 Commission on Higher Education Fund; to transfer \$114,723 from
79 the Teacher Education Scholarship Loan Fund to the Commission
80 on Higher Education Fund; to make a supplemental appropriation
81 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the
82 Commission on Higher Education Fund to the Commission on
83 Higher Education in the amount of \$312,835; to make a
84 supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year ending



85 September 30, 2026, from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department
86 of Revenue in the amount of \$100,000,000; to authorize the
87 Alabama Historical Commission to use returned or unused funds
88 previously appropriated from the Education Trust Fund for
89 historical grants to provide additional grants; to authorize
90 grant funds allocated to conversion charter schools pursuant
91 to Act 2024-428 to be used as needed by the conversion charter
92 school; and to amend Act 2025-270, the Education Appropriation
93 Act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to clarify
94 the intent of an appropriation to the Department of Public
95 Health.

96 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

97 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations
98 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a
99 total of \$419,717,091 from the Education Trust Fund to the
100 following agencies and entities for the purposes specified
101 below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

102 (1) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of
103 Education for fleet renewal, \$25,000,000. This appropriation
104 shall be distributed according to the fleet renewal guidelines
105 to be used for the purchase of school buses or the retirement
106 of school bus debt. For any school system that is currently up
107 to date in purchasing regular route buses, application may be
108 made to the State Superintendent of Education to flex these
109 funds for other educational purposes.

110 (2) To the State Department of Education for one-time
111 expenses, \$142,845,000. Of this amount, \$25,000,000 shall be
112 for School Safety to provide additional training, services,



113 supplies, and materials to support school safety initiatives
114 and safety contracts to be allocated pursuant to Chapter 22B,
115 Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975, including \$3,000,000 for
116 school mapping; \$20,000,000 shall be used for College and
117 Career Readiness Grants; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Charter
118 School Grants which shall be distributed to the several
119 existing conversion and start-up charter schools on a per
120 pupil basis; \$30,000,000 shall be used for the Summer and
121 Afterschool Program; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Struggling
122 Readers Beyond Grade 3 to support middle grade reading
123 improvements; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Career Tech
124 equipment, of which \$1,500,000 shall be used to purchase
125 simulators for the pilot of heavy equipment operator training
126 programs to be implemented in a sample of high schools across
127 the state for which distribution shall be planned and
128 implemented in partnership with the Alabama Road Builders
129 Association to maximize the number of programs and to insure
130 the program reflects workforce needs; \$8,350,000 shall be used
131 for the McWane Center; \$4,000,000 shall be used for the North
132 Alabama STEM Center; \$1,000,000 shall be used for The Links
133 for parental education, financial education for families,
134 teaching good hygiene to children, and the food pantry;
135 \$10,000,000 shall be used for EdFarm to develop new and
136 advanced technologies and programs, deploy broadband internet
137 infrastructure in rural communities, and support online
138 education training programs, certifications, and job placement
139 assistance in technology fields. The Superintendent shall
140 expend these funds to expand digital literacy, create jobs in



141 technology fields, reinvigorate career and technical education
142 opportunities, and attract business to rural Alabama;
143 \$7,300,000 shall be used for the School Breakfast Program;
144 \$1,100,000 shall be used for the CREATE Technology and
145 Innovation Center; \$750,000 shall be used for the Wooley
146 Institute for Spoken Language Education; \$720,000 shall be
147 used for the Back the Blue Foundation school detection dog
148 program; \$400,000 shall be used for the Summer Cyber Academy
149 for high school students operated by Talladega College;
150 \$200,000 shall be used for the Dundryll Heights and Just Be
151 Real film camps for Birmingham City School students; \$200,000
152 shall be used for the Alabama Holocaust Commission for teacher
153 training; \$100,000 shall be used for the Jazz Hall of Fame
154 statewide students program; \$950,000 shall be used for the
155 EarlyWorks Museum; \$850,000 shall be used for the Heman
156 Drummond Center for Innovation; \$200,000 shall be used for the
157 ATTA STEM Learning Ecosystem; \$225,000 shall be used for the
158 Mays Educational Center in Fairfield; \$100,000 shall be used
159 for Oak Tree Ministries - Newton Center; \$150,000 shall be
160 used for the Jones Valley Teaching Farm; and \$1,250,000 to
161 Junior Achievement of Alabama for capital expenditures related
162 to a location in the Huntsville/Madison community area, said
163 funds are contingent upon committed matching funds from
164 private and/or public funds of not less than \$3,000,000, said
165 match is to be certified to the Director of Finance as
166 committed by Junior Achievement of Alabama no later than
167 August 31, 2026, and if no certification is received, then the
168 funds shall revert to the Education Trust Fund.



169 (3) To the Alabama Public Library Service for one-time
170 expenses for the Cullman County Public Library to build an
171 addition to house an education facility with an IT focus,
172 \$500,000.

173 (4) To the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and
174 Engineering for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance,
175 general capital expenses, and school safety, \$2,500,000.

176 (5) To the Alabama School of Fine Arts for one-time
177 expenses for deferred maintenance, general capital expenses,
178 and school safety, \$2,500,000.

179 (6) To the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium for
180 one-time capital expenses for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab,
181 \$2,000,000.

182 (7) To the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
183 for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, general
184 capital expenses, and school safety, \$2,500,000.

185 (8) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences for
186 one-time expenses for school safety and general capital
187 expenses, \$1,000,000.

188 (9) To the Department of Rehabilitation Services,
189 \$7,961,087. Of this amount, \$5,461,087 shall be used for
190 one-time expenses for vocational rehabilitation and workforce
191 development; \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Kulture City
192 disability workforce center; \$300,000 shall be used for United
193 Ability; and \$200,000 shall be used for United Cerebral Palsy
194 - Huntsville.

195 (10) To the Department of Public Health, \$12,650,000.
196 Of this amount, \$10,000,000 shall be used for the CHIP



197 Program; \$850,000 shall be used for pregnancy resource
198 centers; \$800,000 shall be used for the Cahaba Medical Clinic
199 - Rural Psychiatry Residencies; and \$1,000,000 shall be used
200 for the Regional Training Institute.

201 (11) To the Alabama Community College System for
202 one-time expenses, \$27,126,249. Of this amount, \$13,426,249
203 shall be used for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
204 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
205 projects; \$5,000,000 shall be used for Wallace State Community
206 College (Hanceville) for capital projects; \$1,800,000 shall be
207 used for the Lauderdale County Agplex for veterinary
208 diagnostic equipment and supplies; \$1,900,000 shall be used
209 for the Calhoun Community College Culinary Center; \$4,000,000
210 shall be used for Drake State Community Technical College for
211 economic development; and \$1,000,000 shall be used for the
212 Jefferson State Community College Adult Learning Center in
213 Trussville.

214 (12) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for
215 one-time expenses, \$8,848,960. Of this amount, \$2,000,000
216 shall be used for the USS Alabama Battleship to support
217 construction, maintenance, or operational costs of educational
218 facilities; \$400,000 shall be used for the North Alabama
219 Agriplex for the expansion of children's educational programs
220 and capital projects; \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama
221 Veterinary Hospital - Birmingham Zoo; \$1,250,992 shall be used
222 for Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for deferred
223 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, school
224 security, or expenses associated with ongoing capital



225 projects; \$1,500,000 shall be used for Tuskegee University for
226 one-time capital expenses for the Kellogg Conference Center;
227 \$62,968 shall be used for Talladega College for one-time
228 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
229 facilities, school security, or expenses associated with
230 ongoing capital projects; \$250,000 shall be used for the North
231 Alabama Land Trust; \$1,000,000 shall be used for Sweet Trails;
232 \$200,000 shall be used for Selma University; and \$185,000
233 shall be used for the Tennessee RiverLine Program.

234 (13) To the Department of Workforce for one-time
235 expenses, \$6,900,000. Of this amount, \$3,500,000 shall be used
236 for IT system upgrades and a disaster recovery and backup
237 plan; \$500,000 shall be used for a marketing campaign to
238 connect with rural/hard to reach workers; \$2,000,000 shall be
239 used for the Forest Worker Training Institute; \$400,000 shall
240 be used for the Alabama Advanced Transportation Readiness
241 Initiative; and \$500,000 shall be used for data information
242 and retention.

243 (14) To the Alabama Innovation Fund, \$2,000,000 for
244 one-time expenses for Hudson Alpha to support the HOPE-AD
245 initiative, a statewide effort to advance Alzheimer's
246 prevention research directly serving Alabamians through
247 education, clinical innovation, community engagement and
248 workforce development. The program will uncover new insights
249 for how Alzheimer's develops and use those findings to improve
250 how prevention is taught, how care is delivered, and how
251 families manage their brain health in Alabama. Thousands of
252 Alabama residents may volunteer to be screened to learn their



253 risk factors and receive personalized prevention guidance.
254 These discoveries will shape clinical practice, educate
255 Alabamians, strengthen and develop Alabama's biomedical
256 workforce, and further position the state as a national leader
257 to attract investment in healthcare research and prevention.

258 (15) To the Educational Television Commission,
259 \$2,150,000. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 shall be used as the
260 final appropriation for one-time expenses to equip and support
261 the build-out of the APT studio in the new state house; and
262 \$150,000 shall be used for semiquincentennial programming.

263 (16) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses
264 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
265 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
266 \$8,401,824.

267 (17) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses
268 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
269 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
270 \$4,360,182.

271 (18) To the University of Alabama System, \$44,169,369.
272 Of this amount, \$36,169,369 shall be used for one-time
273 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
274 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
275 capital projects; \$7,500,000 shall be used for the University
276 of Alabama Public Policy Center; and \$500,000 shall be used
277 for the University of Alabama in Huntsville CubeSat Program.

278 (19) To Athens State University, \$1,615,927. Of this
279 amount, \$1,115,927 shall be used for one-time expenses for
280 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or



281 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and
282 \$500,000 shall be used for the Art and Music Library.

283 (20) To Auburn University, \$20,406,603. Of this amount,
284 \$19,906,603 shall be used for one-time expenses for increasing
285 research infrastructure and instrumentation, technology
286 systems, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
287 facilities, ongoing capital projects, or presidential
288 initiatives; and \$500,000 shall be used for the Artemis
289 Research Innovation Campus in Huntsville.

290 (21) To Auburn University at Montgomery for one-time
291 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
292 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
293 projects, \$1,661,328.

294 (22) To Jacksonville State University, \$4,440,678. Of
295 this amount, \$3,490,678 shall be used for one-time expenses
296 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
297 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; \$450,000
298 shall be used for a Rose Bowl trip for the marching band; and
299 \$500,000 shall be used for the Randy Owens Center for the
300 Performing Arts.

301 (23) To the University of Montevallo for one-time
302 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
303 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
304 projects, \$2,967,772.

305 (24) To the University of North Alabama for one-time
306 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
307 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
308 projects, \$4,538,046.



309 (25) To the University of South Alabama, \$9,579,249. Of
310 the above appropriation, \$9,379,249 shall be used for one-time
311 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
312 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
313 capital projects; and \$200,000 shall be used for a study of
314 the environmental and economic impact of dredging in Mobile
315 Bay.

316 (26) To Troy University, \$5,175,081. Of this amount,
317 \$4,175,081 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred
318 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
319 associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$1,000,000 shall
320 be used for the Chiropractic Program.

321 (27) To the University of West Alabama for one-time
322 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
323 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
324 projects, \$2,974,736.

325 (28) To the Department of Agriculture and Industries,
326 \$500,000. Of this amount, \$300,000 shall be used for the
327 Blount County Multipurpose Agricultural Center; and \$200,000
328 shall be used for the Landmark Park Foundation.

329 (29) To the Council on the Arts, \$1,575,000. Of this
330 amount, \$125,000 shall be used for the Alabama Symphony
331 Orchestra; \$250,000 shall be used for the Bare Hands Community
332 Center; and \$1,200,000 shall be used for the facilities grant
333 program. The Council on the Arts may award grants from the
334 facilities grant program for projects that build, renovate,
335 restore, preserve, or enhance arts facilities in Alabama,
336 including performing arts centers, art museums and galleries,



337 multi-purpose arts centers, artist residency facilities, and
338 outdoor performance venues. The Council on the Arts shall
339 emphasize rural assistance with grants, with a preference for
340 entities not receiving grants in the prior year. Eligible
341 entities include: (i) 501(c) (3) nonprofit arts organizations
342 chartered in Alabama, active and in good standing with the
343 Internal Revenue Service and the council; or (ii) an entity of
344 local government. Grant amounts shall not exceed \$100,000 to
345 any one entity, with the first two grants being reserved for
346 the Arts Council of the Trussville Area Theater for \$75,000
347 and the Carnegie Visual Arts Center for \$100,000.

348 (30) To the Executive Commission on Community Services
349 Grants to be distributed pursuant to Section 29-2-123, Code of
350 Alabama 1975, \$10,000,000.

351 (31) To the Alabama Historical Commission, \$6,310,000.
352 Of this amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for the Daniel Pratt
353 Museum; \$1,500,000 shall be used for the Historic Blakely
354 Park; \$125,000 shall be used for Gees Bend Quilting Bee
355 Cultural Preservation Center; \$1,750,000 shall be used for the
356 Scottsboro Boys Historical Initiative to be divided equally
357 among the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Judge Horton Civil
358 Justice Learning Center; \$600,000 shall be used for Brierfield
359 Ironworks Historic State Park; \$50,000 shall be used for the
360 Vaughn Smitherman Museum; \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse
361 Owens Memorial; \$235,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller
362 Foundation; \$100,000 shall be used for the Limestone County
363 Veterans Museum; and \$875,000 shall be used for renovations to
364 the Looney's Amphitheater Complex and Cultural Center stage.



365 (32) To the Legislative Council for construction and
366 related expenses for the new State House, \$37,500,000.

367 (33) To the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission,
368 \$3,500,000.

369 (34) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and
370 Education Commission/Fire College, \$1,025,000. Of this amount,
371 \$500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred
372 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
373 associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$525,000 shall
374 be used for the Winfield Fire Service EMT Program.

375 (35) To the Geological Survey, \$300,000.

376 (36) To the Department of Human Resources, \$1,735,000.
377 Of this amount, \$135,000 shall be used for Beacon House;
378 \$250,000 shall be used for the North Alabama Boys and Girls
379 Club; \$100,000 shall be used for Mitchell's Place; and
380 \$1,250,000 shall be used for Kids to Love.

381 (37) To the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind
382 for perimeter fencing and other capital projects, \$500,000.

383 Section 2. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
384 2026, up to \$49,920 shall be transferred from the Alabama
385 Student Assistance Program Fund to the Commission on Higher
386 Education Fund.

387 Section 3. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
388 2026, up to \$148,192 shall be transferred from the Knight
389 Court Monitor Fund to the Commission on Higher Education Fund.

390 Section 4. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
391 2026, up to \$114,723 shall be transferred from the Teacher
392 Education Scholarship Loan Fund to the Commission on Higher



393 Education Fund.

394 Section 5. In addition to all other appropriations
395 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
396 \$312,835 from the Commission on Higher Education Fund to the
397 Commission on Higher Education. Of this amount, \$198,112 shall
398 be used for operating expenses of the Commission, and \$114,723
399 shall be used for the AKEEP Education and Teacher Recruitment
400 Program.

401 Section 6. In addition to all other appropriations
402 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a
403 total of \$100,000,000 from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the
404 Department of Revenue for the fiscal year ending September 30,
405 2026.

406 Section 7. In addition to other authorized uses,
407 conversion charter schools receiving grant funds under Act
408 2024-428 shall be allowed to use the funds as needed.

409 Section 8. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
410 2026, the Alabama Historical Commission shall be allowed to
411 use any returned or unused funds previously appropriated from
412 the Education Trust Fund for historical grants to provide
413 additional historical grants notwithstanding any maximum grant
414 or eligibility restrictions for grants in the fiscal year
415 ending September 30, 2026.

416 Section 9. Section 3B of Act 2025-270, the Education
417 Appropriations Act for the fiscal year ending September 30,
418 2026, is hereby amended as follows:

419 "26. Health, Department of Public:

420 (a) Alabama Medical	1,110,000	1,110,000
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421	Education Consortium	
422	(1) Rural Alabama	
423	Teaching Health	1,110,000
424	Center	<u>385,000</u>
425	<u>(2) Decatur Morgan</u>	
426	<u>Graduate Medical</u>	
427	<u>Education Program</u>	<u>725,000</u>
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429 Section 10. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
430 this act or any other act, any amounts from appropriations for
431 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the various
432 state agencies in this act which were unexpended and reverted
433 on September 30, 2026, are hereby reappropriated to the
434 respective offices for the fiscal year beginning October 1,
435 2026.

436 Section 11. In addition to all appropriations
437 heretofore and hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
438 such amounts as may be necessary for public funds transferred
439 into the State Treasury, in accordance with Executive Order
440 No. 726.

441 Section 12. This act shall become effective immediately
442 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its
443 otherwise becoming law.