



**House Ways and Means Education Reported Substitute
for HB235**

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

To make 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, as follows: \$25,000,000 to the Department of Education-Local Boards of Education; \$143,245,000 to the Department of Education; \$500,000 to the Public Library Service; \$2,500,000 to the School of Cyber Technology and Engineering; \$2,500,000 to the School of Fine Arts; \$2,000,000 to the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium; \$2,500,000 to the School of Mathematics and Science; \$1,000,000 to the School of Healthcare Sciences; \$7,961,087 to the Department of Rehabilitation Services; \$12,650,000 to the Department of Public Health; \$27,126,249 to the Alabama Community College System; \$8,848,960 to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education; \$6,500,000 to the Department of Workforce; \$2,000,000 to the Alabama Innovation Fund; \$2,150,000 to the Educational Television Commission; \$8,401,824 to Alabama A&M University; \$4,360,182 to Alabama State University;



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29 \$44,169,369 to the University of Alabama System; \$1,615,927 to
30 Athens State University; \$20,406,603 to Auburn University;
31 \$1,661,328 to Auburn University at Montgomery; \$4,440,678 to
32 Jacksonville State University; \$2,967,772 to the University of
33 Montevallo; \$4,538,046 to the University of North Alabama;
34 \$9,579,249 to the University of South Alabama; \$5,175,081 to
35 Troy University; \$2,974,736 to the University of West Alabama;
36 \$500,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Industries;
37 \$1,575,000 to the Council on the Arts; \$10,000,000 to the
38 Executive Commission on Community Services Grants; \$6,310,000
39 to the Alabama Historical Commission; \$37,500,000 to the
40 Legislative Council; \$3,500,000 to the U.S. Space and Rocket
41 Center Commission; \$1,025,000 to the Firefighters' Personnel
42 Standards and Education Commission/Fire College; \$300,000 to
43 the Geological Survey; \$1,735,000 to the Department of Human
44 Resources; and \$500,000 to the Institute for the Deaf and
45 Blind; to make a supplemental appropriations for the fiscal
46 year ending September 30, 2026, from the CHOOSE Act Fund to
47 the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$100,000,000; to
48 authorize grant funds allocated to conversion charter schools
49 pursuant to Act 2024-428 to be used as needed by the
50 conversion charter school; and to amend Act 2025-270, the
51 Education Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending
52 September 30, 2026, to clarify the intent of an appropriation
53 to the Department of Public Health.

54 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations
55 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a
56 total of \$419,717,091 from the Education Trust Fund to the



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57 following agencies and entities for the purposes specified
58 below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

59 (1) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of
60 Education for fleet renewal, \$25,000,000. This appropriation
61 shall be distributed according to the fleet renewal guidelines
62 to be used for the purchase of school buses or the retirement
63 of school bus debt. For any school system that is currently up
64 to date in purchasing regular route buses, application may be
65 made to the State Superintendent of Education to flex these
66 funds for other educational purposes.

67 (2) To the State Department of Education for one-time
68 expenses, \$143,245,000. Of this amount, \$25,000,000 shall be
69 for School Safety to provide additional training, services,
70 supplies, and materials to support school safety initiatives
71 and safety contracts; \$20,000,000 shall be used for College
72 and Career Readiness Grants; \$10,000,000 shall be used for
73 Charter School Grants which shall be distributed to the
74 several existing conversion and start-up charter schools on a
75 per pupil basis; \$30,000,000 shall be used for the Summer and
76 Afterschool Program; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Struggling
77 Readers Beyond Grade 3 to support middle grade reading
78 improvements; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Career Tech
79 equipment, of which \$1,500,000 shall be used to purchase
80 simulators for the pilot of heavy equipment operator training
81 programs to be implemented in a sample of high schools across
82 the state for which distribution shall be planned and
83 implemented in partnership with the Alabama Road Builders
84 Association to maximize the number of programs and to insure



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85 the program reflects workforce needs; \$8,750,000 shall be used
86 for the McWane Center; \$4,000,000 shall be used for the North
87 Alabama STEM Center; \$1,000,000 shall be used for The Links
88 for parental education, financial education for families,
89 teaching good hygiene to children, and the food pantry;
90 \$10,000,000 shall be used for EdFarm to develop new and
91 advanced technologies and programs, deploy broadband internet
92 infrastructure in rural communities, and support online
93 education training programs, certifications, and job placement
94 assistance in technology fields. The Superintendent shall
95 expend these funds to expand digital literacy, create jobs in
96 technology fields, reinvigorate career and technical education
97 opportunities, and attract business to rural Alabama;
98 \$7,300,000 shall be used for the School Breakfast Program;
99 \$1,100,000 shall be used for the CREATE Technology and
100 Innovation Center; \$750,000 shall be used for the Wooley
101 Institute for Spoken Language Education; \$720,000 shall be
102 used for the Back the Blue Foundation school detection dog
103 program; \$400,000 shall be used for the Summer Cyber Academy
104 for high school students operated by Talladega College;
105 \$200,000 shall be used for the Dundrill Heights and Just Be
106 Real film camps for Birmingham City School students; \$200,000
107 shall be used for the Alabama Holocaust Commission for teacher
108 training; \$100,000 shall be used for the Jazz Hall of Fame
109 statewide students program; \$950,000 shall be used for the
110 EarlyWorks Museum; \$850,000 shall be used for the Heman
111 Drummond Center for Innovation; \$200,000 shall be used for the
112 ATTA STEM Learning Ecosystem; \$225,000 shall be used for the



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113 Mays Educational Center in Fairfield; \$100,000 shall be used
114 for Oak Tree Ministries - Newton Center; \$100,000 shall be
115 used for the Jones Valley Teaching Farm; and \$1,250,000 to
116 Junior Achievement of Alabama for capital expenditures related
117 to a location in the Huntsville/Madison community area, said
118 funds are contingent upon committed matching funds from
119 private and/or public funds of not less than \$3,000,000, said
120 match is to be certified to the Director of Finance as
121 committed by Junior Achievement of Alabama no later than
122 August 31, 2026, and if no certification is received, then the
123 funds shall revert to the Education Trust Fund.

124 (3) To the Alabama Public Library Service for one-time
125 expenses for the Cullman County Public Library to build an
126 addition to house an education facility with an IT focus,
127 \$500,000.

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

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

134 (6) To the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium for
135 one-time capital expenses for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab,
136 \$2,000,000.

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

140 (8) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences for



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141 one-time expenses for school safety and general capital
142 expenses, \$1,000,000.

143 (9) To the Department of Rehabilitation Services,
144 \$7,961,087. Of this amount, \$5,461,087 shall be used for
145 one-time expenses for vocational rehabilitation and workforce
146 development; \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Kulture City
147 disability workforce center; \$300,000 shall be used for United
148 Ability; and \$200,000 shall be used for United Cerebral Palsy
149 - Huntsville.

150 (10) To the Department of Public Health, \$12,650,000.
151 Of this amount, \$10,000,000 shall be used for the CHIP
152 Program; \$850,000 shall be used for pregnancy centers;
153 \$800,000 shall be used for the Cahaba Medical Clinic - Rural
154 Psychiatry Residencies; and \$1,000,000 shall be used for the
155 Regional Training Institute.

156 (11) To the Alabama Community College System for
157 one-time expenses, \$27,126,249. Of this amount, \$13,426,249
158 shall be used for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
159 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
160 projects; \$5,000,000 shall be used for Wallace State Community
161 College (Hanceville) for capital projects; \$1,800,000 shall be
162 used for the Northwest Shoals Veterinary Diagnostic Clinic;
163 \$1,900,000 shall be used for the Calhoun Community College
164 Culinary Center; \$4,000,000 shall be used for Drake State
165 Community Technical College **for economic development**; and
166 \$1,000,000 shall be used for the Jefferson State Community
167 College Adult Learning Center in Trussville.

168 (12) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for



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169 one-time expenses, \$8,848,960. Of this amount, \$2,000,000
170 shall be used for the USS Alabama Battleship to support
171 construction, maintenance, or operational costs of educational
172 facilities; \$400,000 shall be used for the North Alabama
173 Agriplex for the expansion of children's educational programs
174 and capital projects; \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama
175 Veterinary Hospital - Birmingham Zoo; \$1,250,992 shall be used
176 for Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for deferred
177 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, school
178 security, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
179 projects; \$1,500,000 shall be used for Tuskegee University for
180 one-time capital expenses for the Kellogg Conference Center;
181 \$62,968 shall be used for Talladega College for one-time
182 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
183 facilities, school security, or expenses associated with
184 ongoing capital projects; \$250,000 shall be used for the North
185 Alabama Land Trust; \$1,000,000 shall be used for Sweet Trails;
186 \$200,000 shall be used for Selma University; and \$185,000
187 shall be used for the Tennessee RiverLine Program.

188 (13) To the Department of Workforce for one-time
189 expenses, \$6,500,000. Of this amount, \$3,500,000 shall be used
190 for IT system upgrades and a disaster recovery and backup
191 plan; \$500,000 shall be used for a marketing campaign to
192 connect with rural/hard to reach workers; \$2,000,000 shall be
193 used for the Forest Worker Training Institute; and \$500,000
194 shall be used for data information and retention.

195 (14) To the Alabama Innovation Fund, \$2,000,000 for
196 one-time expenses for Hudson Alpha to support the HOPE-AD



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197 initiative, a statewide effort to advance Alzheimer's
198 prevention research directly serving Alabamians through
199 education, clinical innovation, community engagement and
200 workforce development. The program will uncover new insights
201 for how Alzheimer's develops and use those findings to improve
202 how prevention is taught, how care is delivered, and how
203 families manage their brain health in Alabama. Thousands of
204 Alabama residents may volunteer to be screened to learn their
205 risk factors and receive personalized prevention guidance.
206 These discoveries will shape clinical practice, educate
207 Alabamians, strengthen and develop Alabama's biomedical
208 workforce, and further position the state as a national leader
209 to attract investment in healthcare research and prevention.

210 (15) To the Educational Television Commission,
211 \$2,150,000. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 shall be used as the
212 final appropriation for one-time expenses to equip and support
213 the build-out of the APT studio in the new state house; and
214 \$150,000 shall be used for semiquincentennial programming

215 (16) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses
216 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
217 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
218 \$8,401,824.

219 (17) To Alabama State University, \$4,360,182. Of this
220 amount \$3,860,182 shall be used for one-time expenses for
221 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
222 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and
223 \$500,000 shall be used for the Physical Therapy Program.

224 (18) To the University of Alabama System, \$44,169,369.



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225 Of this amount, \$36,169,369 shall be used for one-time
226 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
227 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
228 capital projects; \$7,500,000 shall be used for the University
229 of Alabama Public Policy Center; and \$500,000 shall be used
230 for the University of Alabama in Huntsville CubeSat Program.

231 (19) To Athens State University, \$1,615,927, Of this
232 amount, \$1,115,927 shall be used for one-time expenses for
233 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
234 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and
235 \$500,000 shall be used for the Art and Music Library.

236 (20) To Auburn University, \$20,406,603. Of this amount,
237 \$19,906,603 shall be used for one-time expenses for increasing
238 research infrastructure and instrumentation, technology
239 systems, deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
240 facilities, ongoing capital projects, or presidential
241 initiatives; and \$500,000 shall be used for the Artemis
242 Research Innovation Campus in Huntsville.

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

247 (22) To Jacksonville State University, \$4,440,678. Of
248 this amount, \$3,490,678 for one-time expenses for deferred
249 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
250 associated with ongoing capital projects; \$450,000 shall be
251 used for a Rose Bowl trip for the marching band; and \$500,000
252 shall be used for the Randy Owens Center for the Performing



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253 Arts.

254 (23) To the University of Montevallo for one-time
255 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
256 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
257 projects, \$2,967,772.

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

262 (25) To the University of South Alabama, \$9,579,249. Of
263 the above appropriation, \$9,379,249 shall be used for one-time
264 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred
265 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing
266 capital projects; and \$200,000 shall be used for a study of
267 mud dumping in Mobile Bay in collaboration with the Port of
268 Mobile.

269 (26) To Troy University, \$5,175,081. Of this amount,
270 \$4,175,081 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred
271 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
272 associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$1,000,000 shall
273 be used for the Chiropractic Program.

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

278 (28) To the Department of Agriculture and Industries,
279 \$500,000. Of this amount, \$300,000 shall be used for the
280 Blount County Multipurpose Agricultural Center; and \$200,000



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281 shall be used for the Landmark Park Foundation.

282 (29) To the Council on the Arts, \$1,575,000. Of this
283 amount, \$125,000 shall be used for the Alabama Symphony
284 Orchestra; \$250,000 shall be used for the Bare Hands Community
285 Center; and \$1,200,000 shall be used for the facilities grant
286 program. The Council of the Arts may award grants from the
287 facilities grant program for projects that build, renovate,
288 restore, preserve, or enhance arts facilities in Alabama,
289 including performing arts centers, art museums and galleries,
290 multi-purpose arts centers, artist residency facilities, and
291 outdoor performance venues. The Council of the Arts shall
292 emphasize rural assistance with grants, with a preference for
293 entities not receiving grants in the prior year. Eligible
294 entities include: (i) 501(c) (3) nonprofit arts organizations
295 chartered in Alabama, active and in good standing with the
296 Internal Revenue Service and the council; or (ii) an entity of
297 local government. Grant amounts shall not exceed \$100,000 to
298 any one entity, with the first two grants being reserved for
299 the Arts Council of the Trussville Area Theater for \$75,000
300 and the Carnegie Visual Arts Center for \$100,000.

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

304 (31) To the Alabama Historical Commission, \$6,310,000.
305 Of this amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for the Daniel Pratt
306 Museum; \$1,500,000 shall be used for the Historic Blakely
307 Park; \$125,000 shall be used for Gees Bend Quilting Bee
308 Cultural Preservation Center; \$1,750,000 shall be used for the



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309 Scottsboro Boys Historical Initiative to be divided equally
310 among the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Judge Horton Civil
311 Justice Learning Center; \$600,000 shall be used for Brierfield
312 Ironworks Historic State Park; \$50,000 shall be used for the
313 Vaughn Smitherman Museum; \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse
314 Owens Memorial; \$235,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller
315 Foundation; \$100,000 shall be used for the Limestone County
316 Veterans Museum; and \$875,000 shall be used for renovations to
317 the Looney's Amphitheater Complex and Cultural Center stage.

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

320 (33) To the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission,
321 \$3,500,000.

322 (34) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and
323 Education Commission/Fire College, \$1,025,000. Of this amount,
324 \$500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred
325 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
326 associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$525,000 shall
327 be used for the Winfield Fire Service EMT Program.

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

329 (36) To the Department of Human Resources, \$1,735,000.
330 Of this amount, \$135,000 shall be used for Beacon House;
331 \$250,000 shall be used for the North Alabama Boys and Girls
332 Club; \$100,000 shall be used for Mitchell's Place; and
333 \$1,250,000 shall be used for Kids to Love.

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

336 Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations



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337 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a
 338 total of \$100,000,000 from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the
 339 Department of Revenue for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 340 2026.

341 Section 3. In addition to other authorized uses,
 342 conversion charter school receiving grant funds under Act
 343 2024-428 shall be allowed to use the funds as needed.

344 Section 4. Section 3B of Act 2025-270, the Education
 345 Appropriations Act for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 346 2026, is hereby amended as follows:

347 "26. Health, Department of Public:

348 (a) Alabama Medical

349 Education Consortium	1,110,000	1,110,000
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350 (1) Rural Alabama

351 Teaching Health	1,110,000
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352 Center	<u>385,000</u>
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353 (2) Decatur Morgan

354 Graduate Medical

355 <u>Education Program</u>	<u>725,000</u>
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357 Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
 358 act or any other act, any amounts from appropriations for the
 359 fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the various state
 360 agencies in this act which were unexpected and reverted on
 361 September 30, 2026, are hereby reappropriated to the
 362 respective offices for the fiscal year beginning October 1,
 363 2026.

364 Section 6. In addition to all appropriations heretofore



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365 and hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated such amounts
366 as may be necessary for public funds transferred into the
367 State Treasury, in accordance with Executive Order No. 726.

368 Section 7. This act shall become effective immediately
369 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its
370 otherwise becoming law.