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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 schools.

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; \$143,245,000 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; \$27,201,249 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 \$375,000 to the Council on the Arts; \$10,000,000 to the
68 Executive Commission on Community Services Grants; \$6,785,000
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; \$1,985,000 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, \$143,245,000. 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 Career Tech
122 equipment, of which \$1,500,000 shall be used to purchase
123 simulators for the pilot of heavy equipment operator training
124 programs to be implemented in a sample of high schools across
125 the state for which distribution shall be planned and
126 implemented in partnership with the Alabama Road Builders
127 Association to maximize the number of programs and to ensure
128 the program reflects workforce needs; \$8,750,000 shall be used
129 for the McWane Center; \$4,000,000 shall be used for the North
130 Alabama STEM Center; \$1,000,000 shall be used for The Links
131 for parental education, financial education for families,
132 teaching good hygiene to children, and the food pantry;
133 \$10,000,000 shall be used for EdFarm to develop new and
134 advanced technologies and programs, deploy broadband internet
135 infrastructure in rural communities, and support online
136 education training programs, certifications, and job placement
137 assistance in technology fields. The Superintendent shall
138 expend these funds to expand digital literacy, create jobs in
139 technology fields, reinvigorate career and technical education
140 opportunities, and attract business to rural Alabama;



141 \$7,300,000 shall be used for the School Breakfast Program;
142 \$1,100,000 shall be used for the CREATE Technology and
143 Innovation Center; \$750,000 shall be used for the Woolley
144 Institute for Spoken Language Education; \$720,000 shall be
145 used for the Back the Blue Foundation school detection dog
146 program; \$400,000 shall be used for the Summer Cyber Academy
147 for high school students operated by Talladega College;
148 \$200,000 shall be used for the Dundrill Heights and Just Be
149 Real film camps for Birmingham City School students; \$200,000
150 shall be used for the Alabama Holocaust Commission for teacher
151 training; \$100,000 shall be used for the Jazz Hall of Fame
152 statewide students program; \$950,000 shall be used for the
153 EarlyWorks Museum; \$850,000 shall be used for the Heman
154 Drummond Center for Innovation; \$200,000 shall be used for the
155 ATTA STEM Learning Ecosystem; \$225,000 shall be used for the
156 Mays Educational Center in Fairfield; \$100,000 shall be used
157 for Oak Tree Ministries - Newton Center; \$150,000 shall be
158 used for the Jones Valley Teaching Farm; \$1,250,000 to Junior
159 Achievement of Alabama for capital expenditures related to a
160 location in the Huntsville/Madison community area, said funds
161 are contingent upon committed matching funds from private
162 and/or public funds of not less than \$3,000,000, said match is
163 to be certified to the Director of Finance as committed by
164 Junior Achievement of Alabama no later than August 31, 2026,
165 and if no certification is received, then the funds shall
166 revert to the Education Trust Fund; and \$10,000,000 shall be
167 used for Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 to support middle
168 grade reading improvements with the Superintendent requested



169 to consider reading assistance for the following Mobile County
170 Public Schools: Chastang, Fonde, ER Dickson, Indian Springs,
171 John Will, Meadowlake, Morningside, Orchard, and Whitley.

172 (3) To the Alabama Public Library Service for one-time
173 expenses for the Cullman County Public Library to build an
174 addition to house an education facility with an IT focus,
175 \$500,000.

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

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

182 (6) To the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium for
183 one-time capital expenses for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab,
184 \$2,000,000.

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

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

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



197 - Huntsville.

198 (10) To the Department of Public Health, \$12,650,000.
199 Of this amount, \$10,000,000 shall be used for the CHIP
200 Program; \$850,000 shall be used for pregnancy resource
201 centers; \$800,000 shall be used for the Cahaba Medical Clinic
202 - Rural Psychiatry Residencies; and \$1,000,000 shall be used
203 for the Regional Training Institute.

204 (11) To the Alabama Community College System for
205 one-time expenses, \$27,201,249. Of this amount, \$13,426,249
206 shall be used for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
207 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
208 projects; \$5,000,000 shall be used for Wallace State Community
209 College (Hanceville) for capital projects; \$75,000 shall be
210 used for Trenholm State Community College; \$1,800,000 shall be
211 used for the Lauderdale County Agplex for veterinary
212 diagnostic equipment and supplies; \$1,900,000 shall be used
213 for the Calhoun Community College Culinary Center; \$4,000,000
214 shall be used for Drake State Community Technical College for
215 economic development; and \$1,000,000 shall be used for the
216 Jefferson State Community College Adult Learning Center in
217 Trussville.

218 (12) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for
219 one-time expenses, \$8,848,960. Of this amount, \$2,000,000
220 shall be used for the USS Alabama Battleship to support
221 construction, maintenance, or operational costs of educational
222 facilities; \$400,000 shall be used for the North Alabama
223 Agriplex for the expansion of children's educational programs
224 and capital projects; \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Alabama



225 Veterinary Hospital - Birmingham Zoo; \$1,250,992 shall be used
226 for Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for deferred
227 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, school
228 security, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
229 projects; \$1,500,000 shall be used for Tuskegee University for
230 one-time capital expenses for the Kellogg Conference Center;
231 \$62,968 shall be used for Talladega College for one-time
232 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
233 facilities, school security, or expenses associated with
234 ongoing capital projects; \$250,000 shall be used for the North
235 Alabama Land Trust; \$1,000,000 shall be used for Sweet Trails;
236 \$200,000 shall be used for Selma University; and \$185,000
237 shall be used for the Tennessee RiverLine Program.

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

247 (14) To the Alabama Innovation Fund, \$2,000,000 for
248 one-time expenses for Hudson Alpha to support the HOPE-AD
249 initiative, a statewide effort to advance Alzheimer's
250 prevention research directly serving Alabamians through
251 education, clinical innovation, community engagement and
252 workforce development. The program will uncover new insights



253 for how Alzheimer's develops and use those findings to improve
254 how prevention is taught, how care is delivered, and how
255 families manage their brain health in Alabama. Thousands of
256 Alabama residents may volunteer to be screened to learn their
257 risk factors and receive personalized prevention guidance.
258 These discoveries will shape clinical practice, educate
259 Alabamians, strengthen and develop Alabama's biomedical
260 workforce, and further position the state as a national leader
261 to attract investment in healthcare research and prevention.

262 (15) To the Educational Television Commission,
263 \$2,150,000. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 shall be used as the
264 final appropriation for one-time expenses to equip and support
265 the build-out of the APT studio in the new state house; and
266 \$150,000 shall be used for semiquincentennial programming.

267 (16) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses
268 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
269 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
270 \$8,401,824.

271 (17) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses
272 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
273 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,
274 \$4,360,182.

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



281 for the University of Alabama in Huntsville CubeSat Program.

282 (19) To Athens State University, \$1,615,927. Of this
283 amount, \$1,115,927 shall be used for one-time expenses for
284 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or
285 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and
286 \$500,000 shall be used for the Art and Music Library.

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

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

298 (22) To Jacksonville State University, \$4,440,678. Of
299 this amount, \$3,490,678 shall be used for one-time expenses
300 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,
301 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; \$450,000
302 shall be used for a Rose Bowl trip for the marching band; and
303 \$500,000 shall be used for the Randy Owens Center for the
304 Performing Arts.

305 (23) To the University of Montevallo for one-time
306 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing
307 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital
308 projects, \$2,967,772.



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

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

320 (26) To Troy University, \$5,175,081. Of this amount,
321 \$4,175,081 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred
322 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses
323 associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$1,000,000 shall
324 be used for the Chiropractic Program.

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

329 (28) To the Department of Agriculture and Industries,
330 \$500,000. Of this amount, \$300,000 shall be used for the
331 Blount County Multipurpose Agricultural Center; and \$200,000
332 shall be used for the Landmark Park Foundation.

333 (29) To the Council on the Arts, \$375,000. Of this
334 amount, \$125,000 shall be used for the Alabama Symphony
335 Orchestra; and \$250,000 shall be used for the Bare Hands
336 Community Center.



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

340 (31) To the Alabama Historical Commission, \$6,785,000.
341 Of this amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for the Daniel Pratt
342 Museum; \$1,750,000 shall be used for the Historic Blakely
343 Park; \$125,000 shall be used for Gees Bend Quilting Bee
344 Cultural Preservation Center; \$1,750,000 shall be used for the
345 Scottsboro Boys Historical Initiative to be divided equally
346 among the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Judge Horton Civil
347 Justice Learning Center; \$600,000 shall be used for Brierfield
348 Ironworks Historic State Park; \$75,000 shall be used for the
349 Somerville Courthouse; \$75,000 shall be used for the USCT
350 Monument; \$75,000 shall be used for the Cahaba Homestead
351 Heritage Foundation; \$50,000 shall be used for the Vaughn
352 Smitherman Museum; \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse Owens
353 Memorial; \$235,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller
354 Foundation; \$100,000 shall be used for the Limestone County
355 Veterans Museum; and \$875,000 shall be used for renovations to
356 the Looney's Amphitheater Complex and Cultural Center stage.

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

359 (33) To the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission,
360 \$3,500,000.

361 (34) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and
362 Education Commission/Fire College, \$1,025,000. Of this amount,
363 \$500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for deferred
364 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses



365 associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$525,000 shall
366 be used for the Winfield Fire Service EMT Program.

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

368 (36) To the Department of Human Resources, \$1,985,000.

369 Of this amount, \$135,000 shall be used for Beacon House;
370 \$250,000 shall be used for the North Alabama Boys and Girls
371 Club; \$100,000 shall be used for Mitchell's Place; and
372 \$1,500,000 shall be used for Kids to Love.

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

375 Section 2. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
376 2026, up to \$49,920 shall be transferred from the Alabama
377 Student Assistance Program Fund to the Commission on Higher
378 Education Fund.

379 Section 3. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
380 2026, up to \$148,192 shall be transferred from the Knight
381 Court Monitor Fund to the Commission on Higher Education Fund.

382 Section 4. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
383 2026, up to \$114,723 shall be transferred from the Teacher
384 Education Scholarship Loan Fund to the Commission on Higher
385 Education Fund.

386 Section 5. In addition to all other appropriations
387 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
388 \$312,835 from the Commission on Higher Education Fund to the
389 Commission on Higher Education. Of this amount, \$198,112 shall
390 be used for operating expenses of the Commission, and \$114,723
391 shall be used for the AKEEP Education and Teacher Recruitment
392 Program.



393 Section 6. In addition to all other appropriations
394 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a
395 total of \$100,000,000 from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the
396 Department of Revenue for the fiscal year ending September 30,
397 2026.

398 Section 7. In addition to other authorized uses,
399 conversion charter schools receiving grant funds under Act
400 2024-428 shall be allowed to use the funds as needed.

401 Section 8. For the fiscal year ending September 30,
402 2026, the Alabama Historical Commission shall be allowed to
403 use any returned or unused funds previously appropriated from
404 the Education Trust Fund for historical grants to provide
405 additional historical grants notwithstanding any maximum grant
406 or eligibility restrictions for grants in the fiscal year
407 ending September 30, 2026.

408 Section 9. Section 3B of Act 2025-270, the Education
409 Appropriations Act for the fiscal year ending September 30,
410 2026, is hereby amended as follows:

411 "26. Health, Department of Public:

412 (a) Alabama Medical

413 Education Consortium 1,110,000 1,110,000

414 (1) Rural Alabama

415 Teaching Health ~~1,110,000~~

416 Center 385,000

417 (2) Decatur Morgan

418 Graduate Medical

419 Education Program 725,000

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421 Section 10. Notwithstanding any other provisions of
422 this act or any other act, any amounts from appropriations for
423 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the various
424 state agencies in this act which were unexpended and reverted
425 on September 30, 2026, are hereby reappropriated to the
426 respective offices for the fiscal year beginning October 1,
427 2026.

428 Section 11. In addition to all appropriations
429 heretofore and hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
430 such amounts as may be necessary for public funds transferred
431 into the State Treasury, in accordance with Executive Order
432 No. 726.

433 Section 12. This act shall become effective immediately
434 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its
435 otherwise becoming law.