



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 98

Committee: Finance and Taxation Education      Sponsor: Representative Allen Treadaway  
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**House Bill 98** as reported by the Committee on Finance and Taxation Education would create the Alabama Law Enforcement Officers' Family Scholarship Program to provide reimbursement for certain educational expenses to certain eligible dependents of qualifying law enforcement officers and the Alabama Law Enforcement Officers' Family Scholarship Fund in the State Treasury, to receive receipts for the program from loans, gifts, corporate sponsorships, donations and proceeds from the sale of blackout license plates authorized pursuant to this bill. This bill further specifies that no additional funding would be received from the Education trust Fund.

Additionally, this bill would require: (1) the scholarship amount to be capped at \$3,000 for each academic period for up to 8 semesters, or 16 quarters, in an approved postsecondary program; and (2) the educational benefits provided to be applied only after all other financial aid and proceeds from certain blackout license plates authorized by this bill have been applied.

This bill would create a new personalized blackout license plate with an additional annual fee of \$50, which could increase receipts to the following entities by the amounts listed for each plate issued:

Entity	Distribution
2.5% Commission to the License Plate Issuing Official	\$1.25
Department of Corrections	\$1.50
Department of Revenue Administrative Cost	\$1.00
Alabama Law Enforcement Officers' Family Scholarship Fund	\$46.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

Finally, this bill would also increase the administrative obligations of the Alabama Commission



on Higher Education to administer the scholarship program and to submit an annual report to the Legislature by January 1st of each year. The Fiscal Year 2027 ETF appropriations bill as passed the House of Representatives includes an appropriation of \$2 million for this program.