



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 591

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund Sponsor: Representative Rex Reynolds

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House Bill 591 as passed the House of Representatives would appropriate up to \$203,404,327 in federal funds to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for the Rural Health Transformation Program for specific initiatives for the Fiscal Year 2026.

In addition, this bill would: (1) provide that all funds not expended in Fiscal Year 2026 shall not revert but shall be carried forward for the purposes appropriated; and (2) allow the Director of ADECA to seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the reallocation of these funds, if approved by the majority of the Director of Finance, the Chair of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee.

Finally, this bill would create the 14-member Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Rural Health Transformation Program Funds to: (1) request and receive reports and other data and information from ADECA or any other administering entity related to the implementation of the programs funded pursuant to the provisions of this bill; and (2) conduct hearings related to the implementation of the program. This could increase the obligations of the State General Fund by an estimated \$352 per member for each committee hearing attended in person when the Legislature is not in session.