



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 253

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Senate Bill 253 as introduced would clarify when qualified production companies may include payments to loan-out companies when calculating payroll for purposes of qualifying for the rebates authorized by the Entertainment Industry Incentive Act of 2009. This could potentially increase income tax receipts to the Education Trust Fund by an undetermined amount dependent upon the amount of withholding taxes qualified production companies remit on behalf of loan-out companies to qualify for the rebates allowed pursuant to the Entertainment Industry Incentive Act of 2009.

In addition, other changes to the Entertainment Industry Incentive Act of 2009 include: (1) reserving up to \$2 million for small productions with production expenditures of \$100,000-\$499,999 to qualify for an incentive rebate of 45% of all production payroll paid to residents of Alabama; (2) changing the minimum and maximum production expenditures required for a rebate for motion picture soundtracks and music video productions from \$50,000 up to \$300,000 to \$30,000 up to \$200,000; and (3) extending the deadline the Department of Commerce has to report the findings of the program to the Legislature from the 2027 Regular Legislative Session to the 2028 Regular Legislative Session.