

**HB235 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Representative Garrett  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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; \$44,169,369 to the University of Alabama System; \$1,615,927 to



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

53 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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; \$150,000 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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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 the environmental and economic impact of dredging in Mobile  
268 Bay.

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

350 (1) Rural Alabama

351 Teaching Health ~~1,110,000~~

352 Center 385,000

353 (2) Decatur Morgan

354 Graduate Medical

355 Education Program 725,000

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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.



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House of Representatives

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on the calendar:  
1 amendment  
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as amended  
Yeas 105  
Nays 0  
Abstains 0

John Treadwell  
Clerk