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3      By Representative Garrett  
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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 and from gross income tax receipts from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$100,000,000.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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 and from gross income tax receipts from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$100,000,000.

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a total of \$419,717,091 from the Education Trust Fund to the following agencies and entities for the purposes specified below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

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57      communities, and support online education training programs,  
58      certifications, and job placement assistance in technology  
59      fields. The Superintendent shall expend these funds to expand  
60      digital literacy, create jobs in technology fields,  
61      reinvigorate career and technical education opportunities, and  
62      attract business to rural Alabama; and \$1,250,000 to Junior  
63      Achievement of Alabama for capital expenditures related to a  
64      location in the Huntsville/Madison community area, said funds  
65      are contingent upon committed matching funds from private  
66      and/or public funds of not less than \$3,000,000, said match is  
67      to be certified to the Director of Finance as committed by  
68      Junior Achievement of Alabama no later than August 31, 2026,  
69      and if no certification is received, then the funds shall  
70      revert to the Education Trust Fund.

71                (3) To the Alabama Public Library Service for one-time  
72      expenses for the Cullman County Public Library to build an  
73      addition to house an education facility with an IT focus,  
74      \$500,000.

75                (4) To the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and  
76      Engineering for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance,  
77      general capital expenses, and school safety, \$1,500,000.

78                (5) To the Alabama School of Fine Arts for one-time  
79      expenses for deferred maintenance, general capital expenses,  
80      and school safety, \$1,500,000.

81                (6) To the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science  
82      for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, general  
83      capital expenses, and school safety, \$1,500,000.

84                (7) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences for

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85 one-time expenses for school safety and general capital  
86 expenses, \$1,500,000.

87 (8) To the Department of Rehabilitation Services for  
88 one-time expenses for vocational rehabilitation and workforce  
89 development, \$5,461,087.

90 (9) To the Department of Public Health for the CHIP  
91 Program, \$19,250,600.

92 (10) To the Alabama Community College System for  
93 one-time expenses, \$20,846,229. Of this amount, \$13,846,229  
94 shall be used for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
95 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
96 projects and \$7,000,000 shall be used for Wallace State  
97 Community College (Hanceville) for capital projects.

98 (11) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for  
99 one-time expenses, \$3,713,960. Of this amount, \$2,000,000  
100 shall be used for the USS Alabama Battleship to support  
101 construction, maintenance, or operational costs of educational  
102 facilities; \$400,000 shall be used for the North Alabama  
103 Agriplex for the expansion of children's educational programs  
104 and capital projects; \$1,250,992 shall be used for Tuskegee  
105 University for one-time expenses for deferred maintenance,  
106 renovation of existing facilities, school security, or  
107 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and \$62,968  
108 shall be used for Talladega College for one-time expenses for  
109 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
110 school security, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
111 projects.

112 (12) To the Department of Workforce for one-time

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113 expenses, \$6,500,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 shall be used  
114 for IT system upgrades and a disaster recovery and backup  
115 plan; \$1,000,000 shall be used for a marketing campaign to  
116 connect with rural/hard to reach workers; and \$500,000 shall  
117 be used for data information and retention.

118 (13) To the Alabama Innovation Fund, \$3,000,000 for  
119 one-time expenses for Hudson Alpha to support the HOPE-AD  
120 initiative, a statewide effort to advance Alzheimer's  
121 prevention research directly serving Alabamians through  
122 education, clinical innovation, community engagement and  
123 workforce development. The program will uncover new insights  
124 for how Alzheimer's develops and use those findings to improve  
125 how prevention is taught, how care is delivered, and how  
126 families manage their brain health in Alabama. Thousands of  
127 Alabama residents may volunteer to be screened to learn their  
128 risk factors and receive personalized prevention guidance.  
129 These discoveries will shape clinical practice, educate  
130 Alabamians, strengthen and develop Alabama's biomedical  
131 workforce, and further position the state as a national leader  
132 to attract investment in healthcare research and prevention.

133 (14) To the Educational Television Commission for  
134 one-time expenses to equip and support the build-out of the  
135 APT studio in the new state house, \$2,000,000. This shall  
136 represent a final appropriation for this purpose.

137 (15) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses  
138 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
139 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
140 \$3,401,824.

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141 (16) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses  
142 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
143 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
144 \$2,860,182.

145 (17) To the University of Alabama System for one-time  
146 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred  
147 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing  
148 capital projects, \$36,169,369.

149 (18) To Athens State University for one-time expenses  
150 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
151 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
152 \$1,115,927.

153 (19) To Auburn University for one-time expenses for  
154 increasing research infrastructure and instrumentation,  
155 technology systems, deferred maintenance, renovation of  
156 existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects, \$16,000,000.

157 (20) To Auburn University at Montgomery for one-time  
158 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
159 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
160 projects, \$1,661,328.

161 (21) To Jacksonville State University for one-time  
162 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
163 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
164 projects, \$2,940,678.

165 (22) To the University of Montevallo for one-time  
166 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
167 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
168 projects, \$1,967,772.

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169 (23) To the University of North Alabama for one-time  
170 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
171 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
172 projects, \$3,038,046.

173 (24) To the University of South Alabama for one-time  
174 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred  
175 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing  
176 capital projects, \$9,379,249.

177 (25) To Troy University for one-time expenses for  
178 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
179 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, \$4,175,081.

180 (26) To the University of West Alabama for one-time  
181 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
182 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
183 projects, \$1,974,736.

184                   Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations  
185                   heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a  
186                   total of \$100,000,000 in gross income tax receipts from the  
187                   CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department of Revenue for the fiscal  
188                   year ending September 30, 2026.

196 Section 4. In addition to all appropriations heretofore

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197 and hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated such amounts  
198 as may be necessary for public funds transferred into the  
199 State Treasury, in accordance with Executive Order No. 726.

200 Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately  
201 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its  
202 otherwise becoming law.