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3 By Representative Garrett  
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education  
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5           This bill makes supplemental appropriations for  
6       the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026: from the  
7       Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities  
8       in a total amount of \$419,717,091 and from gross income  
9       tax receipts from the CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department  
10      of Revenue in the amount of \$100,000,000.

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13                           A BILL  
14                           TO BE ENTITLED  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18           To make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal  
19   year ending September 30, 2026: from the Education Trust Fund  
20   to various agencies and entities in a total amount of  
21   \$419,717,091 and from gross income tax receipts from the  
22   CHOOSE Act Fund to the Department of Revenue in the amount of  
23   \$100,000,000.

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

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(1) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of Education for fleet renewal, \$66,511,023. This appropriation shall be distributed according to the fleet renewal guidelines to be used for the purchase of school buses or the retirement of school bus debt. For any school system that is currently up to date in purchasing regular route buses, application may be made to the State Superintendent of Education to flex these funds for other educational purposes.

(2) To the State Department of Education for one-time expenses, \$201,250,000. Of this amount, \$50,000,000 shall be for School Safety to provide additional training, services, supplies, and materials to support school safety initiatives and safety contracts; \$20,000,000 shall be used for College and Career Readiness Grants; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Charter School Grants which shall be distributed to the several existing conversion and start-up charter schools on a per pupil basis; \$30,000,000 shall be used for the Summer and Afterschool Program; \$45,000,000 shall be used for Struggling Readers Beyond Grade 3 to support middle grade reading improvements; \$15,000,000 shall be used for Career Tech equipment; \$5,000,000 shall be used for the McWane Center; \$2,000,000 shall be used for the North Alabama STEM Center; \$7,000,000 shall be used for the Social Studies Curriculum Project; \$1,000,000 shall be used for The Links for parental education, financial education for families, teaching good hygiene to children, and the food pantry; \$15,000,000 shall be used for EdFarm to develop new and advanced technologies and programs, deploy broadband internet infrastructure in rural

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

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

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

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

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

(7) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences for

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act or any other act, any amounts from appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the various state agencies in this act which were unexpected and reverted on September 30, 2026, are hereby reappropriated to the respective offices for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026.

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.