

## HB237 INTRODUCED



1 HB237  
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3 By Representative Garrett  
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education  
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## SYNOPSIS:

This bill would transfer \$362,450,000 from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Fund. This bill would make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund to various higher education institutions in a total amount of \$137,550,000.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To transfer \$362,450,000 from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Fund; and to make appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund to various higher education institutions in a total amount of \$137,550,000.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 29-9-4, Code of Alabama 1975, during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026,

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\$362,450,000 is transferred from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund to the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Fund established in Section 16-13-362, Code of Alabama 1975, to be available for appropriation and used to provide for the continuation and expansion of the Renewing Alabama's Investment in Student Excellence (RAISE) Act pursuant to Article 16, Chapter 13, Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a total of \$137,550,000 from the Educational Opportunities Reserve Fund to the public institutions of higher education for start-up or transitional support for initiatives that provide access to enhanced educational opportunities for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. The appropriation shall be distributed as follows:

Alabama Community College System	\$51,315,419
Alabama A&M University	\$3,301,587
Alabama State University	\$1,809,462
University of Alabama System	\$31,827,913
Athens State University	\$1,698,219
Auburn University	\$15,322,025
Auburn University at Montgomery	\$2,610,122
Jacksonville State University	\$5,368,080
University of Montevallo	\$1,681,825
University of North Alabama	\$5,161,402
University of South Alabama	\$6,621,911
Troy University	\$6,678,996

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57	Tuskegee University	\$495,180
58	University of West Alabama	\$3,657,859

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60           Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately  
61 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its  
62 otherwise becoming law.