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3 By Representative Warren
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education
5 First Read: 14-Jan-26

1 SYNOPSIS:

2 This bill makes an appropriation of \$16,300,159
3 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University in
4 Tuskegee, Alabama, for the support and maintenance of
5 the educational program of the institution, for the
6 fiscal year ending September 30, 2027; to provide that
7 the appropriation is subject to certain provisions of
8 the Code of Alabama 1975; to require an operations plan
9 and an audited financial statement prior to the release
10 of any funds; and to require an end of year
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14 A BILL

15 TO BE ENTITLED

16 AN ACT

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19 Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University in Tuskegee,
20 Alabama, for the support and maintenance of the educational
21 program of the institution, for the fiscal year ending
22 September 30, 2027; to provide that the appropriation is
23 subject to certain provisions of the Code of Alabama 1975; to
24 require an operations plan and an audited financial statement
25 prior to the release of any funds; and to require an end of
26 year report.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

28 Section 1. Tuskegee University has a unique

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29 relationship to the State of Alabama. Due to the unique nature
30 of the circumstances related to the establishment and
31 development of Tuskegee Institute which differs from that of
32 private schools and colleges receiving funds from the state
33 and from the state's public colleges and universities, the
34 institution should be afforded a unique treatment relative to
35 funding from the Education Trust Fund. Tuskegee Institute was
36 established by an act of the Legislature in 1881 and
37 separately incorporated by an act of the Legislature in 1892;
38 the Governor appoints five commissioners who serve as voting
39 members on the Tuskegee University Board; and the State
40 Superintendent of Education serves as an ex officio voting
41 commissioner on the Tuskegee University Board. Tuskegee has
42 received appropriations from the Legislature since 1881. Being
43 a private institution as well as a state related and supported
44 institution, it is deemed that Tuskegee University should be
45 funded accordingly and not as the private schools and colleges
46 nor as the state public colleges and universities are funded.

47 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of
48 \$16,300,159 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee
49 University in Tuskegee, Alabama, for the support and
50 maintenance of the educational program of the institution, for
51 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027. Of the above
52 appropriation, at least \$2,000,000 shall be expended for the
53 agricultural research and extension service state match.

54 Section 3. The above appropriation is made for the
55 support of public education in Alabama and for the support and
56 maintenance of the above program. The appropriation shall be

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57 subject to the provisions, terms, conditions, and limitations
58 of the Budget and Financial Control Act, Section 41-4-80 et
59 seq., Code of Alabama 1975, the provisions of the Budget
60 Management Act of 1976, Section 41-19-1 et seq., Code of
61 Alabama 1975, and any other provisions of this act.

62 Section 4. (a) Prior to the release of any funds
63 appropriated under this act the following reports shall be
64 submitted:

65 (1) An operations plan for the 2027 fiscal year,
66 including goals and measurable performance indicators, shall
67 be submitted to and approved by the Director of Finance, as
68 provided for state agencies in Section 41-19-10 of the Code of
69 Alabama 1975.

70 (2) An audited financial statement for all operations
71 during the 2025 fiscal year.

72 (b) It is the intent that funds appropriated for the
73 2027 fiscal year shall be released by the Director of Finance
74 following receipt of the above reports.

75 (c) In addition, quarterly reports shall be made to the
76 Director of Finance relating actual expenditures and
77 accomplishments to planned expenditures and accomplishments.
78 An end of year performance report for the 2027 fiscal year
79 shall be made to the Director of Finance stating the work
80 accomplished and the services provided and the costs of
81 accomplishing the work and providing the services, citing
82 meaningful measures of program effectiveness and costs, as is
83 required for state agencies in Section 41-19-11 of the Code of
84 Alabama 1975.

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85 (d) The Director of Finance shall forward a copy of all
86 required reports to the Legislative Council in a timely
87 manner.

88 Section 5. This act shall become effective October 1, 2026.