

## HB240 INTRODUCED



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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  
11          report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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