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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would authorize governmental entities to pay for contracts, if requested by the vendor or contractor, using payment stablecoins.

This bill would authorize the Alabama Securities Commission to recognize certain payment stablecoins for governmental use.

This bill would also require the governmental entity to provide certain disclosures to vendors and contractors before executing a contract where a payment stablecoin is used as payment.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to cryptocurrency; to authorize the Alabama Securities Commission to recognize certain payment stablecoins for use by governmental entities; to authorize governmental entities to pay vendors and contractors using payment stablecoins; and to require governmental entities to give certain disclosures when paying vendors or contractors using payment stablecoins.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the
30 following terms have the following meanings:

31 (1) COMMISSION. The Alabama Securities Commission.

32 (2) GENIUS ACT. The Guiding and Establishing National
33 Innovation for U.S. Stablecoins Act, 12 U.S.C. §§ 5901-5916.

34 (3) GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. Any state or local agency or
35 instrumentality located in the state.

36 (4) PAYMENT STABLECOIN. A digital asset or assets
37 designed to maintain a stable value that is, or is designed to
38 be, used as a means of payment or settlement. The issuer of
39 the payment stablecoin:

40 a. Is obligated to convert, redeem, or repurchase the
41 payment stablecoin for a fixed amount of monetary value; and

42 b. Represents, or creates the reasonable expectation,
43 that the payment stablecoin will maintain a stable value
44 relative to the value of a fixed amount of monetary value.

45 (b)(1) Governmental entities may use the following
46 types of payment stablecoins to make payments to vendors or
47 contractors for contracted goods or services:

48 a. Payment stablecoins approved by the commission for
49 use by governmental entities pursuant to subsection (c).

50 b. Payment stablecoins issued by payment stablecoin
51 issuers that are authorized by a federal governmental entity
52 pursuant to the GENIUS Act.

53 (2) Vendors and contractors may elect to receive
54 payment in an authorized payment stablecoin. If the vendor or
55 contractor elects to receive payment in a payment stablecoin,
56 the payment shall be enforceable as satisfaction of the



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57 monetary obligations owed by the state. No vendor or
58 contractor shall be required to accept payment stablecoin as
59 consideration.

60 (c) The commission may recognize and authorize any
61 payment stablecoin that complies with the following
62 requirements:

63 (1) The payment stablecoin is issued by a person that
64 is incorporated and headquartered in the United States.

65 (2) The payment stablecoin issuer has corporate
66 founders and controlling shareholders who are United States
67 citizens.

68 (3) The payment stablecoin is fully backed on a
69 one-to-one basis by the United States dollar or short-term
70 United States Treasury obligations.

71 (4) The stablecoin issuer maintains reserves held in
72 accounts with United States-chartered banks or federally
73 regulated custodians.

74 (5) The payment stablecoin is redeemable at par value
75 on demand by the holder.

76 (6) The payment stablecoin is subject to quarterly
77 independent attestations by an accounting firm registered with
78 the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

79 (7) The payment stablecoin issuer publishes monthly
80 reserve reports disclosing asset composition and location.

81 (8) The payment stablecoin issuer and payment
82 stablecoin both operate in compliance with the GENIUS Act and
83 all regulations issued thereunder.

84 (d) The commission shall not authorize any payment



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85 stablecoin if the payment stablecoin is:

86 (1) Issued by any entity that is headquartered outside
87 the United States;

88 (2) Issued by any entity that is controlled by
89 individuals who are not citizens of the United States;

90 (3) Backed by synthetic assets, commodities, foreign
91 currencies, or other digital assets; or

92 (4) Issued by an entity that is not a permitted
93 stablecoin issuer authorized by the commission or the federal
94 government pursuant to the GENIUS Act.

95 (e) The commission shall maintain a list of all payment
96 stablecoins that may be used in government contracting
97 pursuant to subsection (b) and shall publish the list on the
98 commission's website.

99 (f) The commission shall conduct an annual review of
100 all payment stablecoins authorized pursuant to subsection (c)
101 and may suspend or revoke recognition of any payment
102 stablecoin that fails to meet the requirements in subsections
103 (c) and (d).

104 (g) Before executing an agreement to pay vendors and
105 contractors with a payment stablecoin under this section, the
106 governmental entity shall provide a disclosure to the vendor
107 or contractor that outlines the redemption rights and
108 procedures of the applicable payment stablecoin, the reserve
109 backing and audit requirements for payment stablecoins under
110 this section and the GENIUS Act, and the risks that are
111 associated with digital asset custody and use.

112 (h) The commission shall adopt rules to implement and



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113 administer this section.

114 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

115 1, 2026.