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3 By Representatives Reynolds, Whitt, Rigsby, Crawford, Clouse,
4 Collins, Lamb, Shirey, Simpson, Givens, Holk-Jones, Ross,
5 Warren, Drummond, Brown, Daniels, Travis, England, McCampbell,
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7 Bedsole, Harrison, Fidler, Hall, Kirkland, Brinyark, Myrex,
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10 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make supplemental appropriations from the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to create the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Rural Health Transformation Program Funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a total of up to \$203,404,327 in federal funds from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (P.L. 119-21) for the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs ("ADECA") for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 for the following:

- (1) To the Collaborative EHR, IT, and Cybersecurity Initiative, up to \$31,425,971.
- (2) To the Rural Health Initiative, up to \$55,936,190.
- (3) To the Maternal and Fetal Health Initiative, up to \$6,102,130.
- (4) To the Rural Workforce Initiative, up to



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29 \$57,919,382.

30 (5) To the Cancer Digital Regionalization Initiative,
31 up to \$8,136,173.

32 (6) To the Simulation Training Initiative, up to
33 \$1,017,021.

34 (7) To the Statewide EMS Trauma and Stroke Initiative,
35 up to \$4,068,085.

36 (8) To the EMS Treat-In-Place Initiative, up to
37 \$5,085,108.

38 (9) To the Mental Health Initiative, up to \$7,271,705.

39 (10) To the Rural Health Practice Initiative, up to
40 \$6,102,130.

41 (11) Up to \$20,340,432 of funds may be used to
42 reimburse costs for the administration, auditing, and
43 reporting requirements of the Rural Health Transformation
44 Program funds.

45 Section 2. All funds appropriated herein and not
46 expended in the current fiscal year shall not revert but be
47 carried forward for the purpose appropriated.

48 Section 3. (a) Any amount of the funds appropriated in
49 this act remaining unexpended on September 30, 2026, shall be
50 reappropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year
51 beginning October 1, 2026.

52 (b) In the event that any of the appropriations to any
53 of the initiatives listed above needs to be adjusted or
54 exceeded for the utilization of available funds, the Director
55 of ADECA shall obtain written concurrence of a majority of the
56 Finance Director, the Chair of the House Ways and Means



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57 General Fund Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Finance
58 and Taxation General Fund Committee of the Legislature for
59 such reallocation prior to seeking the approval referenced in
60 Section (c) below.

61 (c) Following receipt of the above concurrence, the
62 Director of ADECA shall seek approval from the Centers for
63 Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") for the above
64 reallocation. In the event such approval is modified or
65 withheld by CMS, ADECA shall continue to administer the
66 appropriation in accordance with CMS requirements.

67 Section 4. Nothing in this act is intended nor shall be
68 construed to require any expenditure of federal funds in
69 violation of any federal law, regulation, rule, policy, or
70 procedure, or of any term or condition applicable to the
71 administration of federal funds by ADECA in connection with
72 the Rural Health Transformation Program, nor shall anything
73 herein be construed to prohibit the expenditure of federal
74 funds by ADECA in accordance with the purposes for which and
75 the terms and conditions upon which such funds were made
76 available.

77 Section 5. (a) There is hereby created a Joint
78 Legislative Oversight Committee on Rural Health Transformation
79 Program Funds, hereinafter referred to as the committee. The
80 committee shall consist of the Chair of the House Ways and
81 Means - General Fund Committee; the Chair of the Senate
82 Finance and Taxation - General Fund Committee; three members
83 of the House Ways and Means - General Fund Committee appointed
84 by the chair of the committee, including the ranking minority



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85 member of the committee, or his or her designee; and three
86 members of the Senate Finance and Taxation - General Fund
87 Committee appointed by the chair of the committee, including
88 the ranking minority member of the committee, or his or her
89 designee; the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
90 the Minority Leader of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of
91 Representatives, or his or her other designee; the President
92 Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his or her designee; a member of
93 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker; and a
94 member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore
95 of the Senate. The Chair of the House Ways and Means - General
96 Fund Committee and the Chair of the Senate Finance and
97 Taxation - General Fund Committee shall be co-chairs of the
98 oversight committee. The committee shall hold its
99 organizational meeting within 30 days following the effective
100 date of this act and shall meet at the call of the co-chairs
101 thereafter.

102 (b) The co-chairs of the oversight committee, on behalf
103 of the oversight committee, shall have authority to request
104 and receive reports, supplemental information, or data from
105 the Department of Economic and Community Affairs or the
106 administering entity related to the implementation of the
107 programs funded in this act and any other act appropriating
108 Rural Health Transformation Program Funds and to conduct
109 hearings and receive testimony therein related to the
110 implementation of the aforesaid programs.

111 Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately
112 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its

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113 otherwise becoming law.



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House of Representatives

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118 to the House of Representatives
119 committee on Ways and Means General
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123 on the calendar:
124 0 amendments
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127 as amended
128 Yeas 104
129 Nays 0
130 Abstains 0

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John Treadwell
Clerk