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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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9 Hulsey, Stringer, Robertson

10 RFD: Ways and Means General Fund

11 First Read: 10-Mar-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

17 (1) To the Collaborative EHR, IT, and Cybersecurity
18 Initiative, up to \$31,425,971.

19 (2) To the Rural Health Initiative, up to \$55,936,190.

20 (3) To the Maternal and Fetal Health Initiative, up to
21 \$6,102,130.

22 (4) To the Rural Workforce Initiative, up to
23 \$57,919,382.

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

26 (6) To the Simulation Training Initiative, up to
27 \$1,017,021.

28 (7) To the Statewide EMS Trauma and Stroke Initiative,



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29 up to \$4,068,085.

30 (8) To the EMS Treat-In-Place Initiative, up to
31 \$5,085,108.

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

33 (10) To the Rural Health Practice Initiative, up to
34 \$6,102,130.

35 (11) Up to \$20,340,432 of funds may be used to
36 reimburse costs for the administration, auditing, and
37 reporting requirements of the Rural Health Transformation
38 Program funds.

39 Section 2. All funds appropriated herein and not
40 expended in the current fiscal year shall not revert but be
41 carried forward for the purpose appropriated.

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

46 (b) In the event that any of the appropriations to any
47 of the initiatives listed above needs to be adjusted or
48 exceeded for the utilization of available funds, the Director
49 of ADECA shall obtain written concurrence of a majority of the
50 Finance Director, the Chair of the House Ways and Means
51 General Fund Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Finance
52 and Taxation General Fund Committee of the Legislature for
53 such reallocation prior to seeking the approval referenced in
54 Section (c) below.

55 (c) Following receipt of the above concurrence, the
56 Director of ADECA shall seek approval from the Centers for



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57 Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") for the above
58 reallocation. In the event such approval is modified or
59 withheld by CMS, ADECA shall continue to administer the
60 appropriation in accordance with CMS requirements.

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

71 Section 5. (a) There is hereby created a Joint
72 Legislative Oversight Committee on Rural Health Transformation
73 Program Funds, hereinafter referred to as the committee. The
74 committee shall consist of the Chair of the House Ways and
75 Means - General Fund Committee; the Chair of the Senate
76 Finance and Taxation - General Fund Committee; three members
77 of the House Ways and Means - General Fund Committee appointed
78 by the chair of the committee, including the ranking minority
79 member of the committee, or his or her designee; and three
80 members of the Senate Finance and Taxation - General Fund
81 Committee appointed by the chair of the committee, including
82 the ranking minority member of the committee, or his or her
83 designee; the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
84 the Minority Leader of the Senate; the Speaker of the House of



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

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

105 Section 6. This act shall become effective immediately
106 upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its
107 otherwise becoming law.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 01-Apr-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

08-Apr-26

Passed