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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the proceeds from the sale of certain school lands must be used for educational purposes where the land is located.

This bill would require the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to sell these lands upon the request of the relevant local board of education and provide for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to school lands; to amend Sections 16-20-8 and 16-20-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to sell certain school lands held in trust upon the request of the relevant county board of education; and to provide for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 16-20-8 and 16-20-9, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§16-20-8



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29 (a) Whenever the county board of education of any
30 county ~~shall certify~~ certifies to the State Superintendent of
31 Education that it is to the benefit of the public school
32 interest of ~~such~~ the county, or a public school district
33 ~~thereof of the county~~, for any lands situated in ~~such~~ the
34 county or district which have been conveyed to the State of
35 Alabama for school purposes to be sold, particularly
36 describing the ~~same~~ land, the State Superintendent of
37 Education, upon receipt of ~~such~~ the certificate, and with
38 approval of the Governor, shall negotiate the sale of ~~such~~ the
39 land, either at public or private sale. A deed to the
40 purchaser of ~~such~~ the land shall be executed and shall be
41 issued as provided by law.

42 (b) (1) Upon the request of the relevant local board of
43 education, the Department of Conservation and Natural
44 Resources shall negotiate the sale of any sixteenth section or
45 indemnity land held for the benefit of a school system which
46 is contemplated in the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, or an
47 amendment thereto.

48 (2) All proceeds from the sale of land pursuant to
49 subdivision (1) shall be distributed as provided in Section
50 16-20-9."

51 "§16-20-9

52 (a) The proceeds of any sale of lands made under
53 Section 16-20-8 (a) shall be paid by the State Superintendent
54 of Education to the county custodian of school funds where
55 ~~such~~ the land is situated.

56 (b) All proceeds from the sale of land pursuant to



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57 Section 16-20-8(b) shall be paid as the payment of proceeds is
58 provided for in the applicable amendment to the Constitution
59 of Alabama 2022."

60 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
61 1, 2026.