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By Senator Albritton:

SB70 To make an appropriation of \$169,633 from the State General Fund to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, to require an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds, and to require quarterly and end of the year performance reports.

Finance and Taxation General Fund
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB70 as introduced would appropriate \$169,633 from the State General Fund to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

Senator Greg Albritton, Chairperson
Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Senator Albritton:

SB69 To make an appropriation of \$39,531,128 from the Children First Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, to the entities and for the purposes designated in Section 41-15B-2.2, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for the deposit of tobacco settlement revenues into the Children First Trust Fund; to require written notification of anticipated agency allocations by the State Director of Finance; to require quarterly allocations; to condition allocations on receipt of tobacco revenues; to provide for the transfer to the State General Fund during fiscal year 2025 that portion of Children First Trust Fund receipts currently allocated for the State Board of Education; to make an appropriation of \$49,596,888 from other tobacco settlement funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025; and to make a conditional appropriation and allocation of additional tobacco revenues upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation-General Fund Committee, and the approval of the Governor.

Finance and Taxation General Fund
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB69 as introduced would appropriate the sum of \$39,531,128 from the Children First Trust Fund (CFTF) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 as follows:

Agency	FY 2025 Appropriation (\$)
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	426,500
Children's Trust Fund	2,415,288

Department of Forensic Sciences	494,309
Alabama Department of Human Resources	10,295,965
Juvenile Probation Services Fund	4,646,647
Alabama Medicaid Agency	1,643,289
Alabama Department of Mental Health	2,142,457
State Multiple Needs Children's Fund	4,358,550
Department of Public Health	4,754,042
Department of Rehabilitation Services	246,763
Department of Youth Services	8,107,318
Total Appropriation	39,531,128

This bill also provides that these funds would be conditioned upon receipt of tobacco revenues, and any remaining sums at the end of the fiscal year would remain in the CFTF and not revert to the State General Fund (SGF) or to any other fund. This bill would also transfer approximately \$11,100,000 in CFTF monies allocated to the State Board of Education to the SGF for FY 2025.

In addition to the above appropriation, this bill would also appropriate \$49,596,888 from additional tobacco settlement funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 to the following entities:

Agency	FY 2024 Appropriation (\$)
Department of Early Childhood Education	151,730
21st Century Debt Service	16,000,000
Senior Services Trust Fund	1,348,715
Alabama Medicaid Agency	30,103,496
Department of Senior Services - Medicaid Waiver	1,992,947
Total Appropriation	49,596,888

This bill would also require that (1) any additional tobacco revenues available for FY 2025 be conditionally appropriated, conditioned upon the recommendation of the Finance Director, the Chairs of the House Ways and Means General Fund and Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committees and the approval of the Governor; and (2) notification be provided to legislators representing an area where a grant from the CFTF is to be awarded ten days before the funds reach the recipient agency.

 Senator Greg Albritton, Chairperson
 Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Senator Albritton:

SB68 To provide a cost-of-living increase for state employees for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024.

Finance and Taxation General Fund
 Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB68 as introduced would provide for a two percent salary increase to state employees effective on the first pay day during fiscal year 2025. This bill would increase the personnel costs of state agencies by an estimated \$54.5 million in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, with an estimated \$15.5 million of this increase paid from the State General Fund.

By Senator Albritton (With Substitute):

SB67 To make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial agencies of the State, for other functions of government, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

Finance and Taxation General Fund
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB67 as reported by the Committee on Judiciary would appropriate the following amounts from the following funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025:

State General Fund	\$3,244,243,941
Other State, Federal and Local Funds	\$19,763,668,507
Total Appropriation	\$23,007,912,448

In addition, this bill sets forth the amount of \$245,240,922 as the beginning balance in the State General Fund for fiscal year 2025, excluding reversions and adjustments, and would provide for the appropriation of the unanticipated and unappropriated beginning balance in the State General Fund if the beginning balance is greater than the above stated amount as follows: (1) the first \$3 million to the Legislative Services Agency for the completion and implementation of the bill and budget drafting system; and (2) an amount not to exceed \$150 million to the Department of Corrections - Correctional Capital Improvement Fund.

In addition, this bill would: (1) appropriate up to \$15.5 million to pay the costs of a 2% salary increase; (2) appropriate up to \$50 million for proportional inflationary increase for agencies; (3) conditionally appropriates the amount of \$50 million from the State General Fund to the Department of Corrections to hire additional correctional officers; (4) appropriate the amounts necessary to pay SEIB \$997 per month for health insurance per each full-time state employee; (5) conditionally appropriate the amount of \$3.5 million from the State General Fund to the State Port Authority; (6) conditionally appropriate the amount of \$118,125 from the State General Fund to the ALEA SBI Cost of Evidence Fund; (7) provide for the transfer of \$23,505,000 from state agencies to the State General Fund of which \$16,505,000 is from the Department of Revenue; \$6 million is from the Public Service Commission and \$1 million is from the Securities Commission; (8) re-appropriate for Fiscal Year 2025 to the various state agencies in this bill any amounts which are unexpended and reverted on September 30, 2024; (9) appropriate such amounts as may be necessary for Fiscal Year 2025 to the Retirement Systems of Alabama from the Senior Services Trust Fund; (10) appropriate tobacco settlement money, conditioned upon the receipt of revenue from any tobacco settlement or litigation and upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance and the Chairs of the Ways and Means General Fund Committee and the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee and approval by the Governor; and (11) appropriate all funds collected under Section 40-12-43.1 to the Auburn University Center for Governmental Services for the administration of the examiner certification program established by the Alabama Local Tax Institute of Standards and Training.

By Senator Albritton (With Substitute):

SB66 To make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024: from Youth Services Reimbursement Fund for Diversion Programs to the Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$2,243,062, and from the State General Fund to various agencies and entities for a total amount of \$189,733,137.

Finance and Taxation General Fund
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB66 as reported by the Committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund would make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Youth Services Reimbursement Fund for Diversion Programs to the Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$2,243,062.

In addition, this bill would make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 from the State General Fund, the total amount of \$210,827,369 to the following agencies and entities:

Agency/Department	Amount	Purpose
Legislative Services Agency	\$500,000	To contract with outside agency to review policies and procedures governing state employment.
Legislative Council	\$20,000,000	For construction of parking deck.
Supreme Court	\$716,600	For one-time repairs and IT upgrades for the Heflin-Tolbert building.
Department of Commerce	\$5,000,000	For pier repairs for the Alabama State Port Authority.
Department of Corrections-Correctional Capital Improvement Fund	\$150,000,000	For prison construction.
Emergency Management Agency	\$600,000	For replacement of the Mobile Command Vehicle.
Department of Finance	\$3,005,769	
	<i>\$1,511,494</i>	<i>For building security upgrades at the State Capitol.</i>
	<i>\$1,494,275</i>	<i>For repairs at the State Capitol exterior and structural.</i>
Geological Survey	\$3,500,000	For the Core and Sample Repository.
State Industrial Development Authority	\$15,000,000	To provide grants for the assessment of and subsequent development of sites.
Alabama Law Enforcement Agency	\$4,833,000	For in-car cameras, body cameras, handheld radios, and other related expenses.
Department of Mental Health	\$1,000,000	
	<i>\$1,000,000</i>	<i>To keep psychiatric beds operational at Bullock County Hospital.</i>
Department of Senior Services	\$1,672,000	For the Medicaid Waiver Program.
Department of Veterans' Affairs	\$5,000,000	
	\$2,500,000	For construction of Dovetail Landing.
	\$2,500,000	For Veterans Recovery Resources in Mobile.

Senator Greg Albritton, Chairperson
Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Senator Albritton (With Amendment):

SB230 Relating to geologic storage; to designate Sections 9-17-150, 9-17-151, 9-17-152, 9-17-153, 9-17-154, 9-17-155, 9-17-156, and 9-17-157, Code of Alabama 1975, as Division 1 of Article 6, Chapter 17, Title 9 of the Code of Alabama 1975; and to add a Division 2 to Article 6, Chapter 17, Title 9 of the Code of Alabama 1975, commencing with Section 9-17-160, to define the term "pore space"; to provide that the possessory right to pore space below surface real property is vested in the surface owners and may be separately conveyed; to further provide the circumstances under which a proposed carbon dioxide storage facility may receive approval to operate from the State Oil and Gas Board; to provide that the board may amalgamate storage rights for a carbon dioxide storage facility under certain circumstances; to create the Underground Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Administrative Fund to be used by the board in monitoring and regulating active storage facilities; to create the Underground Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Trust Fund to be used by the board in long-term monitoring and management of closed storage facilities; to create a certificate of project closure and completion and provide for its issuance and implications; to authorize the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources to lease pore space of certain lands for underground storage of carbon dioxide; and to further provide for the board's rulemaking authority.

Finance and Taxation General Fund

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB230 as reported by the Committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund would increase the obligations of the State Oil and Gas Board by an undetermined amount to regulate the underground storage of carbon dioxide. This increase in obligations would be offset, wholly or partly, by an undetermined amount dependent upon: (1) the amount of administrative fees set by the board and deposited into the Underground Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Administrative Fund, created by this bill in the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying expenses of the board for regulating the geologic storage of carbon dioxide; and (2) the amount of fees set by the board and other funds deposited into the Underground Carbon Dioxide Storage Facility Trust Fund, created by this bill in the State Treasury, for the oversight of closed carbon dioxide storage facilities.

This bill could also increase receipts to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) by an undetermined amount dependent upon the amount of funds received for the lease of pore space of certain state lands for the underground storage of carbon dioxide, as allowed by this bill.

Senator Greg Albritton, Chairperson
Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Senator Melson:

SB170 Relating to extradition; to amend Section 15-9-62, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the mileage and daily fees paid to an agent of the state in certain circumstances; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Finance and Taxation General Fund

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB170 as introduced would increase the per diem and mileage rate paid to certain individuals for the extradition of prisoners to the state from \$8 per day and \$0.10 cents per mile, currently, to \$100 per day and the applicable mileage rate paid to state employees (currently \$0.67 per mile). These provisions would increase the obligations of the State General Fund by an undetermined amount dependent upon the difference in: (1) the extradition costs paid under the provisions of this bill; and (2) the costs otherwise paid under current law.

In Fiscal Year 2023, approximately \$1.8 million was paid from the State General Fund for extradition costs.

Senator Greg Albritton, Chairperson
Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Representative Almond:

HB275 Relating to indigent defense; to amend Section 15-12-4, Section 15-12-21, as last amended by Act 2023-368, 2023 Regular Session, and Section 15-12-22, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the membership of voluntary indigent defense advisory boards; to further provide for a voluntary indigent defense advisory board's review process; to further provide for the compensation of attorneys appointed to defend indigent individuals; to further provide for the remittance of payments to attorneys appointed to defend indigent individuals; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Finance and Taxation General Fund
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

HB275 as passed the House of Representatives would increase the obligations of the Fair Trial Tax Fund, paid from the State General Fund, by an estimated \$5.0 million dollars annually, according to the Office of Indigent Services (OIDS), beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, by revising the fee amounts paid to certain indigent defense attorneys, as follows:

Case Type	Old Fee	New Fee	Old Cap	New Cap
Capital Offense	\$70/Hr	\$120/Hr	No Cap	No Cap
Class A felony	\$70/HR	\$100/HR	\$4,000	\$6,000
Class B felony	\$70/HR	\$80/HR	\$3,000	\$4,000
Class C/D felony	\$70/HR	\$80/HR	\$2,000	\$3,500
Juvenile	\$70/HR	\$70/HR	\$2,500	\$4,500
Other	\$70/HR	\$55/HR	\$1,500	\$2,000
Appeals	\$70/HR	\$85/HR	\$2,500	\$5,000
Supreme Court	\$70/HR	\$85/HR	\$2,500	\$5,000

In addition, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of OIDS and the indigent defense advisory boards by an undetermined amount to comply with the provisions of this bill.

Senator Greg Albritton, Chairperson
Finance and Taxation General Fund

By Senators Coleman-Madison, Stewart, Beasley, Coleman, Singleton and Smitherman:

SB174 Relating to voting; to add Section 17-3-31.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require notification to an individual who has lost his or her right to vote by reason of conviction in a state, federal, or foreign court and has had his or her right to vote restored.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB174 as introduced would increase the administrative obligations of the Board of Pardons and Paroles by an undetermined amount to post the name and information of each individual whose right to vote has been restored on the agency's website.

Further, this bill would also increase the administrative obligations of the Secretary of State by an undetermined amount to (1) make available on their website the form and instructions developed jointly with the Board of Pardons and Paroles to aid individuals seeking to have their voting rights restored; and (2) to notify each individual and the county registrars that voting rights have been restored.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Senator Givhan (With Amendment):

SB192 To adopt and incorporate into the Code of Alabama 1975, those general and permanent laws of the state enacted during the 2023 First Special Session, the 2023 Regular Session, and the 2023 Second Special Session as contained in the 2023 Cumulative Supplements to certain volumes of the code and 2024 Replacement Volumes 16, 21, and 21A; and to adopt and incorporate into the Code of Alabama 1975, the 2023 Cumulative Supplements to local law volumes; to make corrections in certain volumes of the cumulative supplements and replacement volumes; to specify that this adoption and incorporation constitute a continuous systematic codification of the entire Code of Alabama 1975, and that this act is a law that adopts a code; to declare that the Code Publisher has certified that it has discharged its duties regarding the replacement volumes; to expressly provide that this act does not affect any 2024 session statutes; and to specify the duties of the Secretary of State regarding the custody of the cumulative supplements and replacement volumes.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB192 as reported by the Committee on Judiciary would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Senator Barfoot:

SB235 Relating to juveniles; to amend Section 12-15-134, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the unlawful release of certain juvenile law enforcement records; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB235 as introduced could increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, and local jails by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties imposed.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Senator Barfoot (With Amendment):

SB240 Relating to the Alabama Department of Mental Health; to amend Sections 22-52-1.1, 22-52-1.2, 22-52-3, 22-52-7, 22-52-10.1, as last amended by Act 2023-472 of the 2023 Regular Session, 22-52-10.2, 22-52-10.4, 22-52-10.11, and 22-52-11 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize a judge of probate to involuntarily commit an individual who suffers from a substance use disorder that occurs secondarily to a primary diagnosis of one or more mental illnesses; to provide for a change in jurisdiction of the sheriff who is required to serve the commitment petition on the respondent; to authorize the judge of probate to establish a procedure for placing limitations on the respondent's liberty, if any, pending a final hearing; to allow the judge of probate to determine the appropriate medical evaluation process, if any, for the respondent prior to final hearing; and to add Section 15-16-26 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide a process for the committing judge of probate to seek relief for the respondent from temporary criminal confinement, under certain circumstances, to fulfill a pending commitment order; and to provide that mental health providers are not required to expand existing services unless its currently available funds support the expansion.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB240 as reported by the Committee on Judiciary would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Senator Weaver:

SB245 Relating to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission; to amend Sections 15-23-3 and 15-23-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the compensation a crime victim may receive; and to provide that commission members be paid for each day spent in the performance of their commission duties.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB245 as introduced could increase the obligations of the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund by an undetermined amount dependent on the amount of compensation paid to human trafficking victims per the provisions of this bill.

This bill would further increase the obligations of the Fund by a commission-estimated \$23,000 to \$34,000 annually by providing the members of the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission up to \$250 per day, as set by the board, for compensation for performance of their duties, in addition to their existing per diem for commission meeting attendance.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Senator Givhan (With Amendment):

SB255 Relating to pardons and paroles; to amend Section 15-22-32, Code of Alabama 1975, to expand the length of time that the Board of Pardons and Paroles has to conduct a parole court in certain circumstances; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB255 as reported by the Committee on Judiciary would increase the obligations of the Department of Corrections (DOC), for parole violations held in custody beyond 20 days during a declared state of emergency pursuant to the provisions of this bill, by an estimated \$84.50 per day per parole violator held in a DOC facility and by \$28 per day per parole violator held in a county jail, subject to concurrence with the sheriff.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Representative Ensler:

HB75 Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-6-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to add letter carriers to

the employees listed in the assault in the second degree statute; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

HB75 as passed the House of Representatives could increase receipts to the State General Fund from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Corrections and community corrections programs by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by the bill and the penalties imposed.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Representatives Moore, Woods, Butler and Bedsole (With Amendment):

HB161 Related to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-6-240, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2023-464, 2023 Regular Session; to prohibit a person from creating a private image; to further provide for the crime of distributing a private image; to provide for exceptions; to provide criminal penalties for violations; to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

HB161 as reported by the Committee on Judiciary could increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, local jails, the district attorneys, the Department of Corrections, the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles, and community corrections programs by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties imposed.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Representatives Underwood, Brinyark, Wadsworth, Rigsby and Colvin:

HB222 Relating to sex offenders; to amend Sections 15-20A-13 and 15-20A-31, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit sex offenders from being employed or volunteering as a first responder; to limit liability in certain circumstances;

and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Judiciary

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

HB222 as passed the House of Representatives could increase receipts to the State General Fund from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles, the Department of Corrections, and community corrections programs by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by the bill and the penalties imposed.

Senator Will Barfoot, Chairperson
Judiciary

By Senators Orr and Chesteen:

SB246 Relating to vaccines; to amend Section 16-30-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the process to exempt a student at a public K-12 school from vaccine requirements for religious reasons; and to require public institutions of higher education to provide medical and religious exemptions to vaccine or testing requirements.

Education Policy

Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB246 as introduced would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Donnie Chesteen, Chairperson
Education Policy

By Senators Kelley, Waggoner, Jones, Bell, Beasley and Kitchens (With Amendment):

SB229 Relating to Jacksonville State University; to amend Section 16-52-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase and revise the at-large membership of the board of trustees to include four at-large members who reside either within or outside of this state.

Education Policy

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB229 as reported by the Committee on Education Policy would revise the membership of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees to include two additional at-large members, which could increase the financial obligations of Jacksonville State University by a minimum estimated \$360 per in-person meeting.

Senator Donnie Chesteen, Chairperson
Education Policy

By Senators Chesteen, Carnley, Elliott, Allen, Kitchens, Butler, Barfoot, Jones, Shelnett, Figures, Smitherman, Sessions, Williams, Kelley, Singleton, Livingston, Reed, Hovey, Roberts, Weaver, Waggoner and Coleman-Madison (With Amendment):

SB253 To establish the Alabama Workforce Pathways Act; to provide different pathways for earning a high school diploma based on future career paths; to require the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education to develop a curriculum for earning a Workforce Pathways diploma; to provide, subject to funding, for the refurbishing and construction of new career and technical education centers or K-12 students; and to also provide, subject to funding, for the Alabama Short-Term Credential Program to provide additional scholarships for training through the Alabama Community College System.

Education Policy
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB253 as reported by the Committee on Education Policy would increase the administrative obligations of the State Board of Education to establish the new Workforce Pathways diploma at the K-12 level and would increase the administrative and financial obligations of the State Department of Education, by an undetermined amount, to develop and implement the Workforce Pathways curriculum for K-12 students pursuant to the provisions of this bill and to work with the local boards of education to implement the workforce diploma pathway at the local level.

Further, this bill could increase the obligations of the Legislature paid from the Education Trust Fund by an undetermined amount: (1) if the State Board of Education seeks additional funding to construct, retrofit, and/or upgrade career and technical education centers throughout the state; and (2) to provide additional funding for scholarships via the Alabama Community College System's Short-term Credential Scholarship Program. For FY 2025, the Governor's introduced budget appropriates \$1,000,000 for the Short-term Credential Scholarship Program.

Senator Donnie Chesteen, Chairperson
Education Policy

By Representative Stubbs (With Amendment):

HB95 Relating to virtual education; to authorize full-time students to complete state required assessments through closed browser remote testing; to specify the conditions for administering the assessments; and to exempt public institutions of higher education from this act.

Education Policy
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

HB95 as reported by the Committee on Education Policy would increase the obligations of local boards of education that operate a virtual school and choose to administer state-required assessments virtually by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost to administer these assessments as part of their curriculum. Additionally, this bill could increase the obligations of the State Department of Education by an undetermined amount to develop electronic versions of the state required assessments and to ensure secure assessments are conducted.

Senator Donnie Chesteen, Chairperson
Education Policy

By Senators Melson and Sessions:

SB275 To amend Section 11-20-73, last amended by Act 2023-232, 2023 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to agriculture authorities organized by a county under Section 11-20-70 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further specify the power of an authority to develop commercial facilities and to use the revenue generated to support the authority's mission.

Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB275 as introduced would allow an agriculture authority to develop commercial facilities and use any additional revenues gained from the facility to support the authority's mission. This bill would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator David Sessions, Chairperson
Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry

By Senators Livingston, Waggoner, Jones, Weaver, Stutts, Roberts, Shelnut, Hovey, Singleton, Chesteen, Reed, Elliott, Sessions, Butler, Barfoot, Williams, Givhan, Price, Allen, Smitherman, Kitchens, Coleman-Madison, Kelley, Coleman, Figures, Melson and Hatcher (With Amendment):

SB247 To amend Section 25-2-2, Section 25-2-3, and Section 25-2-6, Code of Alabama 1975, renaming the Alabama Department of Labor to the Alabama Department of Workforce, and changing the title of the head of the department from Secretary of Labor to Secretary of Workforce.

To add Chapter 15 of Title 25, Code of Alabama 1975, and amend Section 41-29-282, Code of Alabama 1975, establishing the Alabama Workforce Board as the State Workforce Development Board, adding responsibilities of the new Department and further providing for the responsibilities of the Department of Commerce and the Alabama Industrial Development and Training Institute.

To repeal Section 41-29-290, Section 41-29-291, Section 41-29-292, Section 41-29-293, Section 41-29-294, Section 41-29-295, Section 41-29-296, and Section 41-29-29, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Alabama Workforce Council, and to specifically repeal Section 41-29-300, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the Regional Workforce Development Councils.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB247 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development would rename the existing Alabama Department of Labor as the Alabama Department of Workforce (ADOW) and designate the head of the department as the Secretary of Workforce. This bill would also restructure the ADOW, and increase its' administrative and financial obligations by an undetermined amount by expanding the general functions and duties of the ADOW to include: (1) serving as the centralized data and information repository for the workforce development activities of the state; and (2) administering and overseeing certain state and federal workforce development programs and entities currently administered and overseen by the Department of Commerce (DOC).

Additionally, this bill would: (1) transfer to the newly restructured department from DOC all state-owned assets and state-level staff currently assigned to regional workforce councils; (2) require current appointed division chiefs, currently subject to the State Merit System, to serve in the exempt service; and (3) allow members of the Alabama Workforce Board, members of its' executive committee, and members of the regional workforce boards to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the office.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Reed, Singleton, Barfoot, Butler, Weaver, Livingston, Figures, Chesteen, Allen, Jones, Price, Elliott, Williams, Melson, Carnley, Sessions, Roberts, Shelnett, Waggoner, Smitherman, Coleman-Madison, Kelley, Givhan, Kitchens, Hovey and Coleman (With Amendment):

SB252 To add Article 24, commencing with Section 41-10-870, to Chapter 10, Title 41 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to create the Alabama Growth Alliance; to provide legislative findings; to provide for its incorporation; to provide for the creation of a board; to provide for the powers and duties of the corporation; to allow the corporation to enter into contracts; to provide for amendments to the governing documents of the corporation; and to provide for the dissolution of the corporation.

Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB252 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development would establish the "Alabama Growth Alliance" as a public corporation, to coordinate the creation and maintenance of the state's long-range economic development strategy, governed by an eleven-member board of public and private leaders who would serve without compensation but could be reimbursed for actual and reasonable travel expenses, which could increase the obligation of the Alliance by an estimated \$2,000 per meeting.

This bill could further increase the obligation of the Alliance by an undetermined amount dependent on: 1) the compensation of employees of the Alliance; 2) any monies granted or lended to certain entities; and 3) any other actions taken to fulfill the obligations of the Alliance.

This bill would also allow the Alliance to contract with and accept funds from certain entities and would exempt the Alliance from state procurement and bid law.

, Chairperson

By Representatives Wilcox and Underwood:

HB230 Relating to corporations; to amend Section 10A-1-7.12, Section 10A-2A-1.40, as last amended by Act 2023-503, 2023 Regular Session, and Sections 10A-2A-1.41 and 10A-2A-16.01, Code of Alabama 1975, and repeal Section 10A-2A-16.11, Code of Alabama 1975, to remove the requirement that corporations file an annual report with the Secretary of State and remove any reference to an annual report.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

HB230 as passed the House of Representatives would reduce receipts to the State General Fund and the Secretary of State Corporations Fund by an estimated maximum of \$560,000 and \$240,000, annually, respectively, beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, by repealing the requirement for certain corporations to file an annual report and pay the associated \$10 filing fee.

This bill would also reduce the administrative obligations of the Secretary of State to no longer collect and maintain these reports.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Gudger and Weaver:

SB225 Relating to state symbols; to designate Little Bluestem as the official state native grass.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB225 as introduced would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Orr, Jones, Roberts, Hovey, Allen and Weaver (With Amendment):

SB231 Relating to labor organizations; to condition an employers' eligibility for economic development incentives

upon the employer refraining from certain practices relating to employee representation by a labor organization; and to provide oversight.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB231 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development would require certain employers that enter into project agreements with the state, or with a county or municipality, for economic development incentives after January 1, 2025, to repay all incentives received over the life of the project if the employer violates the provisions of this bill prohibiting certain actions relating to employee representation by a labor organization.

Additionally, this bill could increase the administrative obligations of the Department of Revenue by an undetermined amount to investigate potential violations of this bill and to ensure that incentives are repaid.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Carnley:

SB249 Relating to the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe; to authorize the tribe to employ certified police officers to provide protection to tribal property and tribal property residents; and to describe and limit the duties of tribal police officers.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB249 as introduced would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Singleton, Chesteen, Allen, Albritton, Melson, Stutts, Barfoot, Butler, Reed, Smitherman, Roberts, Sessions, Elliott, Kitchens, Kelley, Coleman-Madison, Hovey, Livingston, Price and Williams (With Substitute):

SB242 Relating to economic development; to provide for the establishment of public corporations known as districts to support certain economic development activities using public revenues; to provide for the creation and dissolution of districts; to provide the powers of districts and the powers and duties of the board of directors of districts; to exempt districts from certain laws and requirements, including taxation and competitive bid laws.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB242 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development would allow counties and municipalities to authorize the incorporation of an innovation district as a public corporation and would allow these districts to: acquire and improve property; charge and collect fees, licenses, and rates; grant or loan funds, including certain tax proceeds; assume or issue certain financial obligations; pledge certain tax proceeds for financial obligations of the district; provide for the financial obligations of these districts; accept funds from certain entities; employ and set the compensation of employees; and invest funds of the district.

This bill would also exempt each district from state competitive bid law and from all taxation, which would decrease receipts to various entities and funds by an undetermined amount, including the State General Fund, Education Trust Fund, county, and municipal funds.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Roberts, Weaver, Coleman, Kitchens, Figures, Jones, Hovey, Reed, Livingston, Waggoner, Singleton, Sessions, Coleman-Madison, Chesteen, Smitherman and Melson (With Substitute):

SB243 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to economic development; to authorize the Legislature, by law, to authorize counties and municipalities to provide for the incorporation of innovation districts as public corporations and provide for their powers and exempt the innovation districts from specific state laws, to authorize the state and political subdivisions of the state, without an election, to provide for the use of public funds, revenues, property, and services to or for the benefit of innovation districts, and to authorize innovation districts to provide any public funds, revenues, or property of or under the control of a district to or for the benefit of a public or private person or entity.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB243 as reported by the Committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development proposes a constitutional amendment, which if ratified, would allow the Legislature to authorize the incorporation of innovation districts as public corporations, and provide for their powers, authorize innovation districts to provide funding to other entities, and to provide that all financial obligations of an innovation district are exclusively the obligation of the district.

Further, this amendment would increase the proclamation expenses of the Governor, paid from the State General Fund, by an estimated \$100,000 for fiscal year 2025.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senators Livingston, Gudger, Shelnett, Butler, Weaver, Carnley, Williams, Bell, Elliott, Price, Allen, Sessions,

Stutts, Chambliss, Chesteen, Melson and Albritton:

SB266 Relating to motor vehicles, to amend Section 32-9-20, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for terms used in enforcing prohibitions on the maximum weights of vehicles; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language and hierarchy to current style.

Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB266 as introduced would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Garlan Gudger, Chairperson
Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

By Senator Allen (With Amendment):

SB226 Relating to motor vehicles; to provide requirements for the authorization and use of motor vehicles equipped with an automated driving system.

Transportation and Energy
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB226 as reported by the Committee on Transportation and Energy would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Gerald H. Allen, Chairperson
Transportation and Energy

By Senators Kelley, Kitchens, Jones, Sessions, Williams, Weaver, Chesteen and Elliott (With Amendment):

SB258 Relating to commercial motor vehicles; to amend Sections 32-6-49.5, 32-6-49.8, 32-6-49.10, 32-6-49.11, 32-6-49.19, 32-9A-2, and 32-9A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise existing state law to conform to various changes to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations, including deleting a requirement for a driver to report certain violations; deleting a school bus driver fee and written test waiver; revising fees for commercial driver licenses and learner's permits; adding a human trafficking ban; and repealing a steel coil transport certification requirement; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Transportation and Energy
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB258 as reported by the Committee on Transportation and Energy would codify the existing commercial driver license fee schedule and repeal certain fines and safety certification requirements to be in compliance with federal law. This bill would not affect state or local funding. However, if not enacted by September 30, 2024, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) could be subject to having its federal Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program funding withheld. Per ALEA, an estimated \$9 million is the amount that could be held for noncompliance.

Senator Gerald H. Allen, Chairperson
Transportation and Energy

By Representatives Sorrells, Shaw, Underwood, Marques, Oliver, Lipscomb, Rehm, Whitt, Lee, Clouse, Paramore, Crawford, Smith, Brown, Brinyark, Hulsey, Reynolds, Pettus, Blackshear, Bolton, Starnes, Stubbs, Fincher and Stadthagen:

HB233 Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Sections 32-8-2, 32-8-30, and 32-8-31, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the requirement of a certificate of title for off-road vehicles; and to add Section 40-12-401 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the licensing requirements of dealers of off-road vehicles.

Transportation and Energy
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

HB233 as reported by the Committee on Transportation and Energy would increase receipts to the State General Fund, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, by an undetermined amount dependent on the number of off road vehicles required to be titled under the provisions of this bill and the payment of the \$15 certificate of title fee, provided by current law.

This bill would also increase receipts to the judges of probate or other local licensing official by \$3 for each commission fee retained by the official for issuance of a title under current law.

Senator Gerald H. Allen, Chairperson
Transportation and Energy

By Senators Smitherman and Singleton:

SB256 Relating to newborn screening; to amend Section 22-20-3, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Section 22-20-3.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide Legislative Findings; to require conditions on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) to be included on the Newborn Screening Panel; to provide a timeline for the addition of RUSP-approved condition on the panel; to require the State Board of Health to adopt rules relating to the newborn screening program; and to condition testing for heritable diseases and conditions by the State Laboratory on the availability of funding.

Children and Youth Health
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB256 as introduced could increase the obligations of the State Laboratory, operated by the Department of Public Health, by an undetermined amount dependent on the cost of adding conditions on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) to the state newborn screening panel, pursuant to this bill, and any requirements and/or equipment needed to implement the associated testing.

Senator Larry Stutts, Chairperson
Children and Youth Health

By Senators Coleman and Coleman-Madison (With Substitute):

SB237 Relating to child support; to amend Section 30-3-155, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for retroactivity of child support in certain circumstances.

Children and Youth Health
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB237 as passed by the Committee on Children and Youth Health would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Larry Stutts, Chairperson
Children and Youth Health

By Representative Drummond (With Amendment):

HB65 Relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; to amend Sections 28-11-2, 28-11-3, 28-11-5, 28-11-6.1, 28-11-6.2, 28-11-7, 28-11-9, 28-11-10, 28-11-12, 28-11-13, 28-11-14, 28-11-16, 28-11-17.1, and 28-11-18, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the definition of "electronic nicotine delivery system" to include battery powered devices that deliver substances other than tobacco through the inhalation of vapor; to further provide restrictions on the sale of tobacco and other related products to minors; to prohibit the distribution of tobacco, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-liquids, and alternative nicotine products through a vending machine; to provide license fees for the retail sale of certain tobacco products; to further provide for the authorized penalties for certain violations; to establish the Tobacco Licensing and Compliance Fund in the State Treasury and provide for its administration; to further provide for the membership of the advisory board to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; to further provide for the requirement of tobacco retailers to post signage warning of the dangers of tobacco product use; to require the board to adopt rules; to require the State Board of Education to establish a model vaping awareness, education, and prevention program and require each local board of education to adopt a policy based on the model policy; to repeal Sections 28-11-15 and 28-11-19, Code of Alabama 1975, and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Children and Youth Health
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

HB65 as reported by the Committee on Children and Youth Health would increase the obligations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board by: (1) a board-estimated minimum of \$805,000 annually for personnel and other costs associated with inspection of electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-liquids, and alternative nicotine products at permitted locations and to seize contraband, and (2) an undetermined amount for increased secured storage space for seized contraband. However, these obligations would be offset, in whole or in part, by: (1) an estimated minimum of \$900,000 annually in new receipts to the Tobacco Licensing and Compliance Fund, created by this bill for operational costs and prevention education, from the collection of a \$50 one-time filing fee, \$150 annual permit fee, and a \$50 transfer fee, as provided by this bill, for the approximately 8,000 distributors currently permitted by the ABC Board; and (2) any receipts from new and increased fines, penalties, and fees levied by this bill.

This bill would also increase receipts to the Public Safety Fund by an estimated minimum of \$300,000 annually from the collection of the \$50 one-time filing fee, \$150 annual permit fee and the \$50 transfer provided by this bill. This bill would also allow the ABC Board to charge a fee to destroy electronic nicotine delivery systems that are seized, which would cover the increased obligations to destroy these systems.

This bill would also change the distribution of the existing e-liquid/alternative nicotine product manufacturer fees, after payment of expenses to the Department of Revenue, as follows:

Distribution	Current	This Bill
State General Fund	66.6%	50%
Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency	16.66%	25%
ABC Board /Tobacco Licensing and Compliance Fund	16.66%	25%

For Fiscal Year 2023, \$24,500 was collected from these fees.

This bill will also increase the obligations of the State Board of Education by an undetermined amount to adopt a model policy to establish a vaping awareness, education, and prevention program to use in K-12 schools. However, these obligations would be offset, in whole or in part, by the collection of additional fines levied by this bill, ranging from \$500 to \$1000, that would be deposited into the Education Trust Fund to the credit of the State Board of Education to be used for this program.

This bill could also increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, district attorneys, and the local jails by an amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties given.

Senator Larry Stutts, Chairperson
Children and Youth Health

By Senator Weaver:

SB244 Relating to licensure of physicians; to amend Section 34-24-50.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act 2023-233 of the 2023 Regular Session, to define "expedited license" for purposes of criminal background checks of applicants.

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB244 as introduced would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Senator Weaver:

SB248 Relating to the Department of Corrections; to amend Section 14-3-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to rename the Investigation and Intelligence Division and to include a correctional canine classification as a law enforcement officer of the state; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB248 as introduced would not directly affect state or local funding.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Senators Hatcher, Jones, Smitherman, Butler, Allen, Givhan, Melson, Sessions, Carnley, Bell, Kelley, Shelnut, Kitchens, Stutts, Elliott, Roberts, Waggoner, Orr, Stewart, Coleman, Coleman-Madison and Beasley:

SB207 Relating to the Alabama Board of Examiners for Dietetics/Nutrition Practice; to enter into the Dietician Licensure Compact by adopting Chapter 34B of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975.

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB207 as introduced would allow the Alabama Board of Examiners for Dietetic & Nutrition Practice to join the interstate Dietitian Licensure Compact. The provisions of this bill: (1) would increase the financial obligations of the Board by an undetermined amount dependent on the amount of the annual assessment fee levied by the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission on each member state to cover the costs of its operations, activities, staff, and annual budget as authorized in the compact; (2) could decrease the amount of license fees currently collected from licensed dietitians with out-of-state residences who decide to become licensed in their home state and practice in Alabama under the compact privilege by an estimated \$83,000 every other year; and (3) would increase receipts to the Board from fees imposed for the compact privilege license by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of licenses issued and the fee amounts set by the Board.

Further, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of the Board to submit information to the commission's licensure database as provided for by the provisions of this bill.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Senators Kelley, Jones, Smitherman, Hatcher, Butler, Allen, Givhan, Melson, Sessions, Carnley, Bell, Shelnett, Kitchens, Stutts, Elliott, Waggoner, Orr, Coleman, Stewart, Coleman-Madison and Beasley:

SB208 Relating to the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners; to enter into the Social Work Licensure Compact by adopting Article 4 of Chapter 30 of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB208 as introduced would allow the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners to join the interstate Social Work Licensure Compact. The provisions of this bill: (1) would increase the financial obligations of the Board by an undetermined amount dependent on the amount of the annual assessment fee levied by the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission on each member state to cover the costs of its operations, activities, staff, and annual budget as authorized in the compact; (2) could decrease the amount of license fees currently collected from out-of-state licensed social workers who decide to become licensed in their home state and practice in Alabama under the multistate license by an estimated \$25,900 every other year; and (3) would increase receipts to the Board from fees imposed for multistate licenses by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of licenses issued and the fee amounts set by the Board.

Further, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of the Board to submit information to the commission's licensure database as provided for by the provisions of this bill.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Representative Bolton:

HB265 Relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 32-5-222, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the requirement to use child passenger restraint systems and seatbelts; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

HB265 as passed the House of Representatives would increase the fine amount for subsequent violations of the child passenger restraint law from \$25 per offense, currently, to: (1) \$50 for second violation within a five-year period; (2) \$100 for a third violation within a five-year period; and (3) \$150 for a fourth or subsequent violation within a five-year period.

This bill could increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines and could increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of additional violations issued by law enforcement officers as a result of the bill.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Senators Jones, Shelnutt, Allen, Williams, Melson, Beasley, Kitchens, Butler, Barfoot, Kelley, Sessions, Roberts, Weaver, Livingston, Reed, Price, Chesteen, Carnley, Stutts, Givhan, Hovey and Waggoner:

SB251 Relating to public investments; to add Section 16-25-20.1, to the Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit the Board of Control of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama from making certain investments; and to add Section 36-27-25.1 to prohibit the Board of Control for the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama from making certain investments.

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 0

FISCAL NOTE

SB251 as introduced would prohibit the Board of Control of the Retirement Systems from engaging in any investment activities with certain entities affiliated with Communist Chinese military companies. This could decrease investments from the Retirement System, by an unknown amount, by requiring the Board of Control to divest any holdings, or other investment activities, currently held with the restricted entities. In addition, this bill would increase the administrative obligations of the State Auditor, to provide and maintain semiannually a list of restricted entities.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Senator Jones (With Amendment):

SB254 Relating to ATV parks; to provide for the permitting, inspection, and operation of ATV parks; and to provide fines for violations.

Veterans and Military Affairs
Number of amendments: 1

FISCAL NOTE

SB254 as reported by the Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety could increase the obligations of counties to inspect and issue permits to owners of certain ATV Parks pursuant to the provisions of this bill. Any increased obligations would be offset, in whole or in part, by the permit fee set by the county commissions in an amount not to exceed a maximum of \$50. This bill could also increase receipts to county road and bridge funds by an unknown amount dependent upon the number of fines imposed for violating the provisions of this bill in the amount of \$5,000 per day for each violation.

Further, this bill could increase the financial obligations of county commissions to contract with the State Forester to provide inspectors to investigate complaints.

Senator Andrew Jones, Chairperson
Veterans and Military Affairs

By Representative Carns (With Notice and Proof):

HB190 Relating to the General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County; to amend Sections 45-37-123.01, 45-37-123.20, 45-37-123.21, 45-37-123.22, 45-37-123.23, 45-37-123.24, 45-37-123.25, 45-37-123.26, 45-37-123.27, 45-37-123.28, 45-37-123.29, 45-37-123.50, 45-37-123.54, 45-37-123.80, 45-37-123.82, 45-37-123.83, 45-37-123.84, 45-37-123.100, 45-37-123.101, 45-37-123.102, 45-37-123.103, 45-37-123.104, 45-37-123.106, 45-37-123.108, 45-37-123.132, 45-37-123.150, 45-37-123.191, 45-37-123.194, and 45-37-123.195, Code of Alabama 1975; to clarify who is a designated beneficiary; to identify the Personnel Board of Jefferson County as the civil service system of Jefferson County; to define missing participants and missing beneficiaries as a participant or beneficiary whose whereabouts are unknown to the system or who is nonresponsive; to clarify categories of membership and benefits; to clarify that all members who are not vested are nonvested; to clarify that a member's benefit becomes partially vested and nonforfeitable upon 10 years of paid service and fully vested and nonforfeitable upon 15 years of paid service; to accurately reflect the method by which the county remits employer and employee contributions to the system; to authorize the pension board to pay any sums reasonably necessary to defray administrative expenses of the plan before remitting employer and employee contributions to the trust fund; to establish additional qualifications and procedures for individuals elected or appointed to serve on the pension board; to provide for electronic forms and notice; to clarify that the election of pension board members number four and five are supervised by members volunteering to serve as the election board; to clarify that only a beneficiary designated by the member shall constitute a beneficiary under the plan; to authorize the pension board to adopt rules and regulations for the administration of any benefit provided by the plan subject to applicable law; to authorize the pension board to suspend and reinstate benefits to missing participants and missing beneficiaries; to provide the pension board with the authority to authorize the plan to defend and indemnify the pension board and each of its individual members, employees of the system, and the system as a legal entity separate and distinct from the plan from claims, actions, or judgments connected with or arising from decisions, acts, or omissions undertaken within the scope of its or their official capacity in furtherance of the purposes for which the system is established to the extent allowed by applicable law and Section 401(a), Internal Revenue Code; to authorize the pension board to interplead funds into a court of competent jurisdiction when the pension board cannot determine the owner of those funds or for any other reason allowed under applicable law; to clarify that records and data of the system are not public records; to clarify that payment of benefits and administrative expenses from the trust fund is subject to the prohibition against diversion of funds for any purpose other than the exclusive benefit of members; to authorize the pension board to remit certain contributions to a system depository account to be treated as general assets of the system as a legal entity separate and distinct from the plan and its trust; to authorize the payment of benefits and expenses of administration from the general assets of the system as a legal entity separate and distinct from the plan and its trust; to clarify that three affirmative votes are required for the pension board to act; to provide that in the event a mandatory member subsequently occupies a position not subject to the Personnel Board of Jefferson County, the member shall remain a mandatory and contributing member of the system; to clarify that an employee eligible for optional membership must exercise the option in writing; to remove provisions prohibiting an active member from remaining a participant in the plan after the member elects to participate in another plan; to remove provisions related to the conversion of unpaid membership time to paid membership time; to remove certain provisions relating to the forfeiture of certain pension benefits and employee contributions; to clarify when a reemployed member begins to accrue benefits; to clarify that a member may terminate employee contributions upon reaching 30 years of paid service regardless of whether the member has accumulated sufficient service to entitle the member to the maximum benefit available under the plan; to provide that the hourly equivalent of one-half month of work is

sufficient to entitle a member to one month of service; to clarify that the payment of benefits does not commence until the member or the member's designated beneficiary executes all necessary forms required by the pension board; to provide that disability benefits are only authorized for permanent disabilities arising on or before separation from employment with the county; to clarify certain conditions for eligibility to receive a disability benefit; to clarify a disabled member's membership status upon reemployment by Jefferson County; to provide that procedures for proving a common law marriage are applicable only to a marriage entered into before January 1, 2017; to remove certain provisions terminating a member's right to a benefit; to remove certain provisions disqualifying a member from receiving benefits; to provide that vested pension benefits are nonforfeitable; to add Section 45-37-123.31 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to clarify the scope of immunity afforded to the system, the pension board, and the individual members of the pension board, and the employees of the system, when acting in its or their official capacity; to add Section 45-37-123.110 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to allow the pension board to adopt procedures for the forfeiture and restoration of benefits and employee contributions for missing participants and missing beneficiaries whose whereabouts are unknown to the system or who are nonresponsive; to provide that, during any period of forfeiture, a missing participant or missing beneficiary shall not be treated as a member under the plan; to make technical corrections; to repeal Sections 45-37-123.52 and 45-37-123.53, providing for termination of eligibility and the conversion of unpaid membership time to paid membership time; and to provide for an effective date.

Jefferson County Legislation
Number of amendments: 0
