

**HB144 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Representative Garrett  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To make a conditional appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Education Trust Fund to the Executive Commission on Community Services Grants, and to the Lieutenant Governor for the K-12 Capital Grant Program in the amount of \$29,998,245 and make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the Education Trust Fund to various agencies and entities in a total amount of \$651,202,906.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated \$29,998,245 from the Education Trust Fund. Of this amount, \$15,000,000 shall be used for the K-12 Capital Grant Program, established by Act 2023-389 of the 2023 Regular Session, to provide grants to eligible school systems to assist with capital projects, deferred maintenance, or technology needs, conditioned upon HB415 of the 2024 Regular Session being enacted to repeal the Distressed Institutions of Higher Education Revolving Loan Program; and \$14,998,245 shall be used for the Executive Commission on Community Services Grants



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29 to be distributed pursuant to Section 29-2-123, Code of  
30 Alabama 1975.

31 Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations  
32 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a  
33 total of \$651,202,906 from the Education Trust Fund to the  
34 following agencies and entities for the purposes specified  
35 below for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024:

36 (1) To the Department of Finance, Division of Risk  
37 Management, for the State Insurance Fund, \$5,000,000.

38 (2) To the State Board of Education - Local Boards of  
39 Education, \$109,002,918. Of this amount, \$13,839,874 shall be  
40 used for ASIMS; \$20,000,000 shall be used for purchases of new  
41 buses based on the current age and mileage of existing buses  
42 as recommended by the State Superintendent of Education and  
43 approved by the Governor; \$10,000,000 shall be used for Career  
44 Tech O&M to expand support for CTE through the purchase of  
45 equipment, consumables, and supplies; \$25,000,000 shall be  
46 used for core-adoption textbooks; \$22,229,387 shall be used to  
47 fund the current school nurse matrix; \$8,155,657 shall be used  
48 for unanticipated Foundation Program shortfalls; \$2,000,000  
49 shall be used for Current Units to support the anticipated  
50 opening of new charter schools; and \$7,778,000 shall be used  
51 for other current expenses, including any funds necessary to  
52 fund instructional units earned in the Foundation Program for  
53 assistant principals to 0.5 FTE for elementary schools with an  
54 ADM of 300-499.99 and 1 FTE for middle schools with an ADM of  
55 300-499.99 at the beginning of school year 2024-2025.

56 (3) To the State Department of Education for one-time



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57 expenses, \$63,850,000. Of this amount, \$15,000,000 shall be  
58 used for summer reading camps to support literacy attainment;  
59 \$17,000,000 shall be used for College and Career Readiness  
60 grants to continue expansion of support for activities that  
61 increase students' awareness of postsecondary opportunities;  
62 \$4,000,000 shall be distributed to the Teacher's Liability  
63 Trust Fund; \$5,000,000 shall be used to develop programs for  
64 struggling readers beyond grade 3; \$2,500,000 shall be used  
65 for Ed Farm; \$7,000,000 shall be used for charter school  
66 capital projects through a grant program; \$2,000,000 shall be  
67 used for Plasma Games curriculum; \$9,650,000 shall be used for  
68 capital projects at the American Village; \$700,000 shall be  
69 used for the Wooley Institute for Spoken Language (WISE);  
70 \$500,000 shall be used for Small Magic school readiness  
71 programs; and \$500,000 shall be used by the Department of  
72 Education for an educational technology assessment pilot  
73 program that will provide six public school systems with a  
74 local inventory dashboard of education software programs used  
75 by their students and teachers. The pilot program shall  
76 compile usage data by educator and student, conduct  
77 rapid-cycle evaluations to measure the effectiveness of  
78 education software programs based on student outcomes, and  
79 support evidence-based analysis of education software programs  
80 aligned to the required levels of evidence in the Every  
81 Student Succeeds Act. Public school systems voluntarily  
82 participating in the pilot program shall be provided  
83 request-initiated workflows for educational technology  
84 procurement and adoption that allow for the assignment of



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85 internal district reviewers along with teacher and staff  
86 feedback. Of the above amount, \$6,000 shall be reserved for  
87 the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) to assist  
88 the department in selecting voluntary school district  
89 participation, managing the pilot program, and preparing an  
90 interim and final report on the pilot program.

91 (4) To the Department of Commerce for one-time  
92 expenses, \$7,450,000. Of this amount, \$2,450,000 shall be used  
93 for the Talent Triad, and \$5,000,000 shall be used to support  
94 a Biotech Workforce Center in Birmingham.

95 (5) To the Alabama Department of Revenue, \$51,000,000.  
96 Of this amount, \$50,000,000 shall be distributed to the CHOOSE  
97 Act Fund established by Act 2024-21 of the 2024 Regular  
98 Session of the Legislature for the purpose of funding  
99 Education Savings Accounts; and \$1,000,000 shall be used for  
100 Education Savings Account administration.

101 (6) To the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences in  
102 Demopolis for one-time expenses, \$20,000,000. This  
103 appropriation is contingent upon the Alabama School of  
104 Healthcare Sciences Foundation adopting a policy or plan that  
105 recognizes and protects, to the extent practical, this  
106 investment by the State of Alabama in the event that a school  
107 does not open in Demopolis or the school, upon opening, fails  
108 to operate for at least ten years. The plan or policy shall  
109 be delivered to the Finance Director, chair of the Senate  
110 Committee on Finance and Taxation, Education, and chair of the  
111 House Ways and Means Education Committee prior to the  
112 distribution of any funds contemplated by this appropriation.



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114           (7) To the Alabama Supercomputer Authority for next  
115 generation firewalls for new sites, \$1,100,000.

116           (8) To the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind for  
117 the Montgomery Regional Center relocation/expansion, \$964,931.

118           (9) To the Marine Environmental Science Consortium for  
119 one-time expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of  
120 existing facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing or  
121 future capital projects, \$2,000,000.

122           (10) To Alabama A&M University for one-time expenses  
123 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
124 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
125 \$12,000,000.

126           (11) To Alabama State University for one-time expenses  
127 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
128 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
129 \$9,000,000.

130           (12) To the University of Alabama System, \$66,000,000.  
131 Of this amount, \$63,000,000 shall be used for one-time  
132 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred  
133 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing  
134 capital projects; and \$3,000,000 shall be used by the  
135 University of Alabama in Huntsville for one-time expenses for  
136 cybersecurity.

137           (13) To Athens State University for one-time expenses  
138 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
139 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
140 \$5,750,000.



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141           (14) To Auburn University, \$28,675,000. Of this amount,  
142 \$25,450,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for increasing  
143 research capacity, deferred maintenance, renovation of  
144 existing facilities, or ongoing capital projects; \$3,000,000  
145 shall be used for the McCrary Institute; \$175,000 shall be  
146 used for Eagles Wings; and \$50,000 shall be used by the  
147 College of Veterinary Medicine for a mobile veterinary  
148 medicine partnership.

149           (15) To Auburn University at Montgomery for one-time  
150 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
151 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
152 projects, \$5,250,000.

153           (16) To Jacksonville State University, \$12,500,000. Of  
154 this amount, \$12,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses  
155 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
156 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and  
157 \$500,000 shall be used for the Painted Rock Forest Research  
158 Center.

159           (17) To the University of Montevallo for one-time  
160 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
161 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
162 projects, \$9,250,000.

163           (18) To the University of North Alabama for one-time  
164 expenses for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing  
165 facilities, or expenses associated with ongoing capital  
166 projects, \$14,000,000.

167           (19) To the University of South Alabama, \$23,000,000.  
168 Of this amount, \$22,500,000 shall be used for one-time



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169 expenses for increasing research capacity, deferred  
170 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or ongoing  
171 capital projects; and \$500,000 shall be used for one-time  
172 expenses for the marine lab.

173 (20) To Troy University for one-time expenses for  
174 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
175 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects,  
176 \$14,250,000.

177 (21) To the University of West Alabama, \$11,750,000. Of  
178 this amount, \$11,500,000 shall be used for one-time expenses  
179 for deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities,  
180 or expenses associated with ongoing capital projects; and  
181 \$250,000 shall be used for the Biodiversity Center.

182 (22) To Tuskegee University for one-time expenses for  
183 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
184 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects, \$5,000,000.

185 (23) To the Alabama Community College System for  
186 one-time expenses, \$109,440,057. Of this amount, \$25,000,000  
187 shall be used for the Alabama Energy Infrastructure Training  
188 Center at Beville State Community College; \$3,000,000 shall be  
189 used for a truck driving training track at Jefferson State  
190 Community College; and \$27,640,057 shall be used for deferred  
191 maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or expenses  
192 associated with ongoing capital projects; \$800,000 shall be  
193 used for the Mobile Area Education Foundation; \$13,000,000  
194 shall be used for the Alabama Centers for Rural Healthcare per  
195 Act 2023-378, of which \$3,000,000 shall be used to complete  
196 the North Alabama collaborations; and \$40,000,000 shall be





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197 used to establish a Capital Fund for ongoing deferred  
198 maintenance and capital project needs of community colleges.

199 (24) To the Council on the Arts, \$2,500,000. Of this  
200 amount, \$1,000,000 shall be used for one-time expenses for  
201 deferred maintenance, renovation of existing facilities, or  
202 expenses associated with ongoing capital projects at the  
203 Shakespeare Festival; and \$1,500,000 shall be used for the  
204 facilities grant program.

205 (25) To the Alabama Department of Public Health,  
206 \$7,200,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 shall be used to  
207 coordinate with the University of Alabama at Birmingham for  
208 the establishment of a North Alabama rural dental clinic  
209 residency program; and \$2,200,000 shall be used for the  
210 Medical Education Consortium for the expansion of the primary  
211 care physician pipeline for rural and underserved Alabama.

212 (26) To the Lieutenant Governor for the K-12 Capital  
213 Grant Program established by Act 2023-389, to provide grants  
214 to eligible school systems to assist with capital projects,  
215 deferred maintenance, or technology needs, \$20,000,000.

216 (27) To the Department of Agriculture and Industries  
217 for educational programs at Landmark Park, \$250,000.

218 (28) To the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and  
219 Education Commission/Fire College for the Volunteer  
220 Firefighter Training Program, \$200,000.

221 (29) To the Alabama Commission on Higher Education,  
222 \$11,770,000. Of this amount, \$4,000,000 shall be used for the  
223 Deferred Maintenance Program for HBCU colleges and  
224 universities; \$2,500,000 shall be used for the Birmingham Zoo



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225 - Alabama Veterinary Teaching Hospital; \$270,000 shall be used  
226 for the Best and Brightest STEM Pilot Program pursuant to the  
227 provisions of Act 2020-204; \$500,000 shall be used for the SEC  
228 Baseball Tournament; and \$4,500,000 shall be used for the  
229 ReEngage Alabama Grant Program pursuant to Act 2023-539.

230 (30) To the Historical Commission, \$2,950,000. Of this  
231 amount, \$75,000 shall be used for the Jesse Owens Memorial;  
232 \$75,000 shall be used for the Helen Keller Foundation;  
233 \$800,000 shall be used for the Community Foundation of  
234 Northeast Alabama for one-time capital outlay expenses for  
235 Remington Hall at the former Fort McClellan; and \$2,000,000  
236 shall be used for the Clotilda Project.

237 (31) To the Legislative Council for the construction  
238 and/or equipping of the new State House and Capitol complex  
239 renovations in order to provide enhanced educational  
240 opportunities for school children, college students, and other  
241 citizens from throughout the state, \$20,000,000.

242 (32) To the Department of Rehabilitation Services for  
243 United Ability, \$100,000.

244 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.

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Abstains 0

John Treadwell  
Clerk