SB299 ENGROSSED



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- 3 By Senator Singleton
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5	A BILL
6	TO BE ENTITLED
7	AN ACT
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9	Relating to the Legislature; to add Section 29-4-7 to
10	the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that the Secretary of the
11	Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the
12	Director of the Legislative Services Agency, and the Chief
13	Examiner of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts may
14	expend any available funds to further the mission of the
15	agencies in certain circumstances; to allow an agency,
16	department, board, bureau, commission, committee, institution,
17	corporation, authority, or office of this state may expend
18	public funds to further the mission of the agencies in certain
19	circumstances; to amend Section 29-1-19 and Section 29-1-19.1,
20	as last amended by Act 2023-224, 2023 Regular Session, Code of
21	Alabama 1975, to clarify the particular spaces in the Capitol

and other buildings to which the Clerk of the House of

23 Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Director

of the Legislative Services Agency have access; and to

25 authorize the Legislature to control the entire portion of

certain streets near the State Capitol complex in the City of

Montgomery when those streets are closed by the City of

Montgomery.

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- 29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- 30 Section 1. Section 29-4-7 is added to the Code of
- 31 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:
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The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of

34 Representatives, the Director of the Legislative Services

35 Agency, and the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners

of Public Accounts may expend any available funds to purchase

37 promotional items, items to recognize achievements or

38 otherwise award staff, items to commemorate persons recognized

39 by the Legislature, and to purchase meals for staff during

40 training and while the Legislature is in legislative session

with a certification that the staff were required or expected

to work extended hours or through a regular meal time. Meals

and other items provided pursuant to this section shall be

limited to amounts that comply with United States Internal

45 Revenue Service guidance on de minimis fringe benefits.

Section 2. An agency, department, board, bureau,

47 commission, committee, institution, corporation, authority, or

office of this state may expend public funds for the purchase

of promotional items of nominal value for the purpose of

carrying out its statutory duties, items to commemorate

51 persons recognized for achievement or exceptional performance,

52 and to purchase meals for staff during training or extended

53 work sessions. Meals and other items provided pursuant to this

section shall be limited to amounts that comply with United

States Internal Revenue Service guidance on de minimis fringe

56 benefits.



Section 3. Section 29-1-19 and Section 29-1-19.1, as last amended by Act 2023-224, 2023 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

60 "\$29-1-19

(a) The House of Representatives shall have the use of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space located on the second floor in the south wing of the Capitol. The Senate shall have the use of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space located on the second floor in the north wing of the Capitol. All of said this space shall be for the use of the Legislature, and the committees, members, officers, and employees thereof. The Clerk of the House shall have and exercise custody, control, and care of the space herein designated in this subsection for the use of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate shall have and exercise custody, control, and care of the space herein—so designated for the use of the Senate.

(b) In addition, the Secretary of the Senate shall have and exercise full custody, control, and care of the Senate chamber and the rooms adjacent thereto on the south side thereof, and the Clerk of the House shall have and exercise full custody, control, and care of the hall of the House of Representatives and the rooms adjacent thereto on the north side thereof, and rooms 213 and 214, and, while the Legislature is in session, room 216, in the Capitol building. The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall jointly have custody, control, and care of all rooms on the third floor of the Capitol for the use of the Legislature.



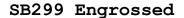
85 (c) In addition, whenever it is deemed necessary for 86 the Legislature to convene at any place outside of the 87 Capitol, the Clerk of the House shall have the use of and 88 exercise full custody, control, and care of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space-on the 89 90 floor of the building in which assigned to or occupied by the 91 House of Representatives meets or occupies; and; the Secretary 92 of the Senate shall have the use of and exercise full custody, 93 control, and care of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space on the floor of the 94 95 building in which assigned to or occupied by the Senate; meets or occupies and the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the 96 97 Senate, and the Director of the Legislative Services Agency 98 shall have the use of and exercise full custody, control, and 99 care of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space jointly used or occupied by joint legislative 100 101 staff." 102 "\$29-1-19.1 103 (a) The Legislature of the State of Alabama may control 104 the usage of a certain portion of those streets adjacent to 105 the State Capitol complex in the City of Montgomery and the 106 grounds of the State Capitol building, viz: That portion of 107 King Street and Pelham Street, lying between Union and Ripley 108 Streets (over which the city has relinquished control); the 109 parking lot located across Union Street to the rear of the 110 Capitol building between the administrative building and

Streets and McDowell Lee Lane owned by the Legislative Council

highway building and bounded by Union, Ripley, and King

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- 113 of the State of Alabama; the parking facilities connected to 114 and adjacent to the former Highway Department Building and now designated "the Alabama State House"; all of that lot bounded 115 116 by Washington, Jackson, and Ripley Streets and McDowell Lee 117 Lane owned by the State of Alabama Retirement Systems of Alabama; and the driveway and parking spaces on the grounds 118 119 surrounding the Capitol itself, all the aforesaid being 120 exclusive of any right-of-way or rights-of-way or parking 121 facilities now controlled by the City of Montgomery. (b) The Legislature may exercise control over the usage 122 123 of the areas through the joint parking committee created by Act No. 8, Organizational Session 1975, or its successor, or 124 125 by subsequent legislative action; and the chief of services of 126 the division of services shall work in cooperation with the 127 Legislature regarding any action taken by the Legislature as 128 hereby authorized.
- (c) If any street adjoining property controlled by the

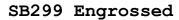
 Legislature as described in subsection (a) is closed by the

 City of Montgomery, the Legislature gains control of the

 entirety of the street, and the Legislature shall grant

 adjacent and surrounding property owners unimpeded access to

 their property."
- Section 4. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.





137 138 139 Senate 140 Read for the first time and referred04-Apr-24 to the Senate committee on County 141 and Municipal Government 142 143 144 Read for the second time and placed11-Apr-24 on the calendar: 145 0 amendments 146 147 148 149 as amended Yeas 31 150 Nays 0 151 152 Abstains 0 153 154 155 Patrick Harris, 156 Secretary. 157