A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To make appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education in Alabama, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated for the support of public education in Alabama for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for debt service, and for capital outlay to be paid out of funds specified in subsection (a) of Section 2 of this act and the amounts specified in subsections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of Section 3 of this act. For the purpose specified in subsection (b) of Section 2 of this act, amounts are shown by programmatic area and the total for all programs is shown so as to include estimated sources of funds other than those listed in subsection (a) of Section 2 of this act. For the purpose of this act, "ETF" shall mean the Education Trust Fund and "Federal and Local Funds" shall mean all gifts, grants, contributions, or entitlements, including grants by the Congress of the United States, municipalities or counties.

Section 2. (a) The appropriations provided for in this

act shall be paid from funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Trust Fund, Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Fund, Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, Driver Education and Training Fund, Special Education Catastrophic Fund, Public School Fund and other listed funds and are hereby made for the support of public education in Alabama for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and the appropriations herein made shall be subject to the provisions, terms, conditions and limitations of the Budget and Financial Control Act (Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 41-4-80 et seq.), the provisions of the Budget Management Act of 1976 (Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 41-19-1 et seq.), and shall be in the amounts hereinafter specified.

(b) Amounts shown hereinunder the columns "Other Funds" and "Total" are as set forth for the purpose of establishing amounts estimated to be available by programmatic area from sources other than those listed in subsection (a) of this Section 2, in order, upon consideration of such other funds so estimated to be available, to promote the accountability for an efficient use of funds available, and the same are hereby appropriated by the Legislature. Provided, however, that regardless of the ending date of any pay period which has been or may be established by the Legislature for the payment of salaries of state employees, the entire payment due shall be made from the fiscal year's appropriation in which the pay date falls.

(c) All appropriations made in Section 3 shall be at

the program level. Any directed expenditure of funds below a program shall be from funds appropriated for the program.

Section 3.

	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
A. Legislative Branch:			
1. Examiners of Public Accounts:			
(a) Audit Services Program	11,534,850		11,534,850
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	11,534,850		
Total Examiners of Public Accounts	**11,534,850**		**11,534,850**
The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to examine as deemed necessary all appropriations herein made for compliance with the laws of the State of Alabama. Any examination performed shall be in accordance with the provisions of Title 41, Chapter 5A, Code of Alabama 1975.			
2. Legislative Council:			
(a) Legislative Operations and Support Program	10,000,000		10,000,000
For debt and operations of the new State House.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	10,000,000		
Total Legislative Council	**10,000,000**		**10,000,000**
3. Legislative Services Agency:			
(a) Legislative Operations and Support Program	4,228,466		4,228,466
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	4,228,466		
Total Legislative Services Agency	**4,228,466**		**4,228,466**
4. Legislature :			
(a) Legislative Operations and Support Program	4,320,480		4,320,480
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	4,320,480		

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Total Legislature	**4,320,480**		**4,320,480**
B. Executive Branch:			
1. Agriculture and Industries, Department of:			
(a) Agricultural Development Services Program	600,000		600,000
(1) Farm to School Program	*600,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	600,000		
Total Agriculture and Industries, Department of	**600,000**		**600,000**
2. American Legion and Auxiliary Scholarships:			
(a) Financial Assistance Program, Estimated	112,500		112,500
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	112,500		
Total American Legion and Auxiliary Scholarships	**112,500**		**112,500**
To be expended under the provisions of Sections 16-31-1 through 16-31-4, Code of Alabama 1975.			
3. Archives and History, Department of:			
(a) Historical Resources Management Program	8,129,838		8,129,838
(1) Men's Hall of Fame	*10,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	8,129,838		
Total Archives and History, Department of	**8,129,838**		**8,129,838**

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation shall be expended to support the educational functions of the Department of Archives and History.			
4. Arts, State Council on the:			
(a) Fine Arts Program	8,593,983	1,100,000	9,693,983
(1) Alabama Center for the Arts	*1,485,000*		
a. Alabama Center for the Arts Foundation	*668,750*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	8,593,983		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		1,100,000	
Total Arts, State Council on the	**8,593,983**	**1,100,000**	**9,693,983**
5. Charter School Commission, Alabama Public:			
(a) Administrative Services Program	1,517,428	29,964,656	31,482,084
(1) New Schools for Alabama	*400,000*		
The above appropriation shall be expended for public charter school startup funding grants, which shall be distributed on a competitive basis to high-quality public charter school applicants.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	1,517,428		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		29,964,656	
Total Charter School Commission, Alabama Public	**1,517,428**	**29,964,656**	**31,482,084**
6. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, Department of:			
(a) Social Services Program	10,159,016		10,159,016
In accordance with Sections 26-16-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	10,159,016		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
Total Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, Department of	**10,159,016**		**10,159,016**
7. Commerce, Department of:			
(a) Industrial Development Training Institute Program	71,147,370		71,147,370
(1) Industrial Development and Training Program	*8,880,976*		
(2) Industrial Training Program - Operations and Maintenance	*9,203,743*		
(3) Rural Marketing Program	*400,000*		
To feature products from Alabama companies in rural counties.			
(4) Workforce Development	*52,662,651*		
a. Alabama Workforce Training Center	*500,000*		
b. Modern Manufacturing Project	*1,239,840*		
c. West Alabama Works Center for Modern Manufacturing	*1,600,000*		
To provide for the expansion of the program to all workforce regions of the state.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	71,147,370		
Total Commerce, Department of	**71,147,370**		**71,147,370**

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The funds appropriated for Workforce Development are to be expended for those costs incurred by the State in honoring commitments to pay workforce development costs, including services and other assistance and expenses of recruitment and training of a company's workforce, that are undertaken to induce companies to locate and expand their operations in Alabama (described hereinafter as a "Project") and to develop and implement training, placement and recruitment programs that will improve development and expand the State's workforce. Such costs include, but are not limited to: (i) AIDT operating costs directly related to a Project; (ii) wages and benefits for trainers engaged by AIDT for the purpose of a Project; (iii) costs which the State has agreed to pay under the terms of a Project Agreement with a company that are necessary and reasonable charges incurred by the company or its affiliates for personnel providing training to the company's employees, whether those trainers are employees of the company or its vendors or suppliers, including wages, benefits and travel (domestic and, when necessary, international); (iv) any necessary materials, equipment, manuals, or other relevant training materials; (v) the costs incurred for purchasing or repairing or replacing training tools and equipment; (vi) costs incurred for the purchase or construction and maintenance of training facilities; (vii) travel expenses for prospective and current employees and trainees, including travel, food, lodging, relocation, and other costs necessary and reasonable to enable the company to secure a qualified workforce; and (viii) outside training fees. The above funds appropriated for Workforce Development shall be expended primarily for the training of Alabama residents. It is further the intent that contracts with vendors to provide workforce training shall be inclusive and reflect the racial and gender diversity of the State. The Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer any funds allocated for workforce training. Such report shall include a summary of the persons trained and the vendors providing the training. The report shall contain information including the residence, race and gender of the persons trained and of the principal or majority owner of the firm or business contracted with to provide the training services.			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
8. Community College System Board of Trustees, Alabama :			
(a) Operations and Maintenance	471,954,885	15,551,821	487,506,706
The above appropriation from the Education Trust Fund for Operations and Maintenance shall be distributed as provided below. The remainder shall be distributed to each of the colleges based on a distribution model consistent with the recommendations in the final report of the Alabama Community College Advisory Council on Outcomes-Based Funding, except Marion Military Institute. The below amounts are intended to provide a minimum of $125/FTE to each college based on Fall 2025 figures.			
(1) Alabama Aviation College	*370,000*		
a. Andalusia Program	*120,000*		
(2) Bevill State Community College	*280,000*		
a. Fayette Campus	*70,000*		
b. Hamilton Campus	*70,000*		
c. Jasper Campus	*70,000*		
d. Sumiton Campus	*70,000*		
(3) Bishop State Community College	*183,625*		
For building renovation and the welding program at Carver Campus.			
(4) Coastal Alabama Community College	*552,125*		
For the technology and manufacturing program.			
(5) Calhoun Community College	*595,875*		
For the expansion of the Alabama Center for the Arts.			
(6) Central Alabama Community College	*265,790*		
(7) Chattahoochee Valley Community College	*104,750*		
For Applied Technology Program/Career Discovery.			

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(8) Drake State Community Technical College	*250,000*		
For campus modifications.			
(9) Enterprise State Community College	*250,000*		
(10) Gadsden State Community College	*342,500*		
a. Poultry Technology Center	*100,000*		
In partnership with Auburn University.			
b. For economic development.	*242,500*		
(11) Ingram State Technical College	*100,000*		
(12) Jefferson State Community College	*652,625*		
For the nursing program.			
(13) Lawson State Community College	*240,750*		
For STEM education			
(14) Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	*200,000*		
For Workforce Development.			
(15) Northeast Alabama Community College	*200,000*		
(16) Northwest-Shoals Community College	*450,000*		
For the Lauderdale County Workforce Center and Acquisition and Construction Program.			
(17) Reid State Technical College	*30,125*		
(18) Shelton State Community College	*350,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
a. Distance Support	*100,000*		
b. Facility Modification	*250,000*		
(19) Snead State Community College	*225,000*		
For the Aeronautics School in Albertville.			
(20) Southern Union State Community College	*356,125*		
(21) Trenholm State Community College	*213,250*		
(22) Wallace Community College-Dothan	*278,875*		
For the Center for Economic and Workforce Development.			
(23) Wallace Community College-Selma	*175,000*		
For the Excellence in Education to Employment Pipeline.			
(24) Wallace State Community College-Hanceville	*427,875*		
For the Aviation Program.			
(25) Step increases for 30-year employees	*1,007,581*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		15,334,968	15,334,968
(c) Restricted Funds		372,557,947	372,557,947
(d) Operations and Maintenance for Postsecondary Prison Education	23,276,380		23,276,380
(1) Perry County Facility	*2,500,000*		
(2) Therapeutic Education	*1,999,901*		
(3) LifeTech Institute in Thomasville	*2,000,000*		
For operations and maintenance.			

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(4) Day Reporting Center pilot program	*1,000,000*		
(e) Adult Education Program	14,964,656	10,217,797	25,182,453
The allocation of Adult Education funds appropriated herein is restricted to the provision of services to individuals who are receiving benefits under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Title II of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.			
(f) Special Populations Training	4,725,281		4,725,281
The above appropriation shall be expended for education and training programs to prepare individuals designated as special populations, as determined by the Chancellor, for entry into the workforce through pre-employment skills training, and intensive career technical training.			
(g) Mine Safety Training Program at Bevill State Community College	375,000		375,000
(h) Postsecondary Education Department - Administration	17,864,166	22,387,615	40,251,781
(1) Property and Capital Purchases and Improvements	*850,000*		
(2) Training equipment for the Alabama Centers for Rural Healthcare (one-time)	*4,000,000*		
(i) Postsecondary/Tech Colleges - Truck Driver Training		2,000,000	2,000,000
The above appropriation from earmarked funds is estimated and shall be expended pursuant to Section 32-5-313, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(j) Industry Certification Initiatives	9,640,408		9,640,408

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Industry Certification Initiatives funds shall be distributed by the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees. The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer any funds expended for industry certification initiatives.			
(1) Career Coaches	*3,079,630*		
(2) Workforce Development Initiatives	*3,750,000*		
(k) Marion Military Institute	12,834,349		12,834,349
(1) Military Hall of Honor	*125,000*		
(l) Alabama Technology Network	6,167,736		6,167,736
(1) Workforce Training	*503,906*		
(m) Dual Enrollment	54,432,385	10,000,000	64,432,385
The remaining appropriation shall be expended at the direction of the Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System to continue, expand, and develop a dual enrollment scholarship program for academic and career-technical education programs. The Chancellor will work with business and industry partners to allocate the funds in a manner consistent with addressing identified needs in the State of Alabama. Such allocations will further and/or accommodate the continuation and expansion of dual enrollment programs.			
(1) Dual Enrollment Program at Murphy University Center	*200,000*		
To be available to students in the state.			
(n) Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Pilot Project	900,000		900,000
(o) The Women's Foundation of Alabama	750,000		750,000

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	The above appropriation shall be expended to support students in obtaining certifications and post-secondary degrees, to aid in scholarships, support services including transportation, tuition and fees, and academic support services. This appropriation is contingent upon the Women's Foundation of Alabama providing a match of private funding and programmatic supports of $400,000. The Foundation shall file a report no later than December 31, 2027 to the Governor and the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education and the House Ways and Means-Education Committee detailing the costs, benefits, and economic impacts on the Fund.			
(p)	Volunteer EMSP Certifications	125,000		125,000
	Pursuant to Sections 22-18-60, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.			
(q)	Automotive Workforce Training Scholarship Program	400,000		400,000
	The Board of Trustees of the Alabama Community College System, in consultation with the Alabama Industrial Development and Training Institute, shall establish qualifications for the award of scholarships to high school students and adults enrolled in a state educational program relating to the automotive manufacturing industry and shall further provide for the implementation and administration of the scholarships. Scholarship recipients shall be selected by the Board, in consultation with a scholarship committee, comprised of members of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association, from applications submitted to the association. The Board shall file a report with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, and the Finance Director on September 30, 2027 regarding the total number of scholarships awarded for the Fall term of the 2026-2027 academic year and the institution attended by the scholarship recipients. The report shall also include the name of each scholarship recipient and the number of years the recipient has received a scholarship.			
(r)	Distance Learning Program	3,375,000		3,375,000

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(s) Automotive Manufacturing Workforce Development Program	312,500		312,500
(t) Smart Career Workforce Project	200,000		200,000
The above appropriation shall be expended to promote smart careers, support soft skill development through engagement opportunities for youth, develop and implement an effective smart career awareness campaign for students, parents, and the underemployed; and to implement a national recruitment campaign to attract talent at all levels of experience across high-growth, high demand occupations.			
(u) ACCS Innovation Center	17,500,000		17,500,000
(v) LPN Programs	4,000,000		4,000,000
The above appropriation shall be expended to establish new and to support current stand-alone LPN Programs throughout the state. The above appropriation shall not be used to enter into exclusive agreements between community colleges and any single healthcare entity.			
(w) Career Tech Equipment	10,000,000		10,000,000
To provide new or updated equipment for career and technical education programs in order to ensure that programs meet current business and industry standards to provide students with the training and skills necessary to provide a workforce for new, existing, or expanding jobs.			
(x) Short Term Credential Scholarship Program	1,000,000		1,000,000
To provide scholarships to Alabama residents enrolling in short-term credential programs within the Alabama Community College System. Eligible students may receive a grant of up to $4,500 to cover qualifying educational expenses, including tuition, fees, books, and supplies necessary for the short-term credential program.			
(y) Alabama Career Roadmap	2,000,000		2,000,000
(z) Cyber Technology and AI Expansion	1,000,000		1,000,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	657,797,746		

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(2) Federal and Other Funds		436,050,148	
(3) ACS Truck Driver Fund		2,000,000	
(4) Dual Enrollment Tax Credit Fund		10,000,000	
Total Community College System Board of Trustees, Alabama	**657,797,746**	**448,050,148**	**1,105,847,894**
(1) The allocations as set forth above shall be distributed by the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees through the Office of the Chancellor. (2) The Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer any funds expended for the Alabama Technology Network.			
9. Cyber Technology and Engineering, Alabama School of:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance	14,840,638	914,936	15,755,574
(1) Accel Program	*929,000*		
For statewide cyber education in K-12 schools as provided in Section 16-26D-6, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(2) Alabama Cyber Range	*875,000*		
For a virtual on-demand cybersecurity training platform available to K-12 schools statewide.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	14,840,638		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		914,936	
Total Cyber Technology and Engineering, Alabama School of	**14,840,638**	**914,936**	**15,755,574**
10. Debt Service:			
(a) Payments on Endowments	81,880		81,880

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Payments on endowments shall be as provided below.			
(1) Auburn University Endowment, For interest on	*20,280*		
(2) Grove Hill Endowment, For interest on	*600*		
(3) University of Alabama Endowment, For interest on	*61,000*		
(b) Interest on Public School Fund Endowment	532,864		532,864
Interest on Public School Fund Endowment shall be as provided below.			
(1) 16th Section Lands (Estimated), Interest on	*410,000*		
(2) James Wallace Fund, Interest on	*275*		
(3) School Indemnity Lands (Estimated), Interest on	*90,000*		
(4) Surplus Revenue, Interest on	*26,764*		
(5) Valueless 16th Section Land, Interest on	*5,825*		
(c) General Obligation Bonds, Estimated	27,165,423		27,165,423
The above appropriation shall be used to pay debt service on the following General Obligation Bonds: Series 2016-A, Series 2016-C, Series 2018-A, and Series 2018-B. In the event any of the above bonds are refunded or new General Obligation bonds are issued, debt service on these newly issued bonds may be paid from the appropriations made above from the Education Trust Fund contingent upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance and the approval of the Governor.			
(d) Alabama Incentives Financing Authority Bonds, Estimated	3,855,833		3,855,833

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The above appropriation shall be used to pay debt service on the following Alabama Incentives Financing Authority Bonds: Series 2009-B, Series 2019-A, and Series 2019-B. In the event any of the above bonds are refunded or new Alabama Incentives Financing Authority bonds are issued, debt service on these newly issued bonds may be paid from the appropriations made above from the Education Trust Fund contingent upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance and the approval of the Governor.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	31,103,136		
(2) ETF-Transfer	532,864		
Total Debt Service	**31,636,000**		**31,636,000**
11. Dental Scholarship Awards, Board of:			
(a) Support of Other Educational Activities Program	871,166	2,722,000	3,593,166
To be expended under the provisions of Sections 16-47-76 through 16-47-81, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(1) Alabama Dental Service Program	*500,000*		
As set out in Sections 16-47-77 through 16-47-81, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(2) Alabama Rural Dental Health Scholars Program	*140,000*		
As set out in Section 16-47-76, Code of Alabama 1975.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	871,166		
(2) Dental Scholarship Awards Fund		2,722,000	
Total Dental Scholarship Awards, Board of	**871,166**	**2,722,000**	**3,593,166**
12. Early Childhood Education, Department of:			
(a) Social Services Program	226,595,637	22,711,178	249,306,815

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(1) Dolly Parton Imagination Library	*3,100,000*		
(2) Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)/First Teacher Home Visiting Program	*5,000,000*		
(3) Marketing Campaign for Alabama Family Central	*750,000*		
(4) Office of School Readiness	*209,866,459*		
(5) Operations and Maintenance	*3,123,484*		
(6) Strong Start/Strong Finish	*4,755,694*		
(b) Children's Policy Council Program		4,497,679	4,497,679
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	226,595,637		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		22,711,178	
(3) Children's Policy Council Fund		4,497,679	
Total Early Childhood Education, Department of	**226,595,637**	**27,208,857**	**253,804,494**
It is the intent of the Legislature that the above appropriation for the Strong Start/Strong Finish initiative be used to expand the Pre-K-3rd approach to learning and will incorporate the most successful parts of Pre-K-3rd initiatives in order to establish a strong foundation of early learning experiences that promotes student achievement and success. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department notify the members of each local legislative delegation (whenever possible) prior to grants being awarded in each legislative district. The Department shall notify the legislative delegation of the amount of the grant, the recipient of the grant and the date the grant is awarded.			
13. Economic and Community Affairs, Alabama Department of:			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(a) Research and Development Grant Program	5,000,000		5,000,000
The Department shall be eligible for an administrative fee not to exceed two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the sum appropriated herein.			
(b) Rural Broadband Grant Program	5,000,000		5,000,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	10,000,000		
Total Economic and Community Affairs, Alabama Department of	**10,000,000**		**10,000,000**
14. Education, State Board of Local Boards of Education:			
(a) Foundation Program	4,980,632,098	966,148,885	5,946,780,983
These funds shall be allocated to each LEA with the requirement that each step of each salary schedule for each class and type of employee provides an hourly rate of not less than $15 per hour, based upon the number of contract days and number of hours per day required by the job description for that class and type of employee.			
(1) Alabama Student Information Management System	*13,839,874*		
For the conversion and modernization of the Alabama Student Information Management System (ASIMS). ASIMS will allow the continued support and maintenance of the Information Management System which permits each local Education Agency and the State Department of Education to comply with all state and federal accountability standards and reporting obligations. These funds shall be expended for the State Department of Education's Fiscal Year 2027 costs for implementation of the new ASIMS.			
(b) Transportation Program	586,223,642		586,223,642

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The rate per day for two personal days and five sick days for transportation personnel shall be $50. The State Department of Education shall develop a plan to fund and replace school buses that have been in service for more than ten years. The plan shall take into consideration the age and mileage of eligible buses and the number of eligible buses that run morning and afternoon routes. The Department shall provide a copy of the plan to the Chair of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer by the 5th legislative day of the 2027 Regular Session.			
(c) Endowment Interest Program-Public School Fund, Estimated		532,864	532,864
(d) Public School Fund, Estimated		215,000,000	215,000,000
Notwithstanding Section 16-13-234, Code of Alabama 1975, the local boards of education shall request waivers to spend Public School Funds appropriated in this Act, after the payment of pledged debt service or obligated capital projects, for other operating expenses.			
(e) Board of Adjustment	50,000		50,000
(f) School Nurses Program	96,448,015		96,448,015

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total

To be distributed so that each school system shall receive one nurse and an additional nurse or fractions of a nursing allocation based upon the average daily membership during the first 20 scholastic days after Labor Day of the preceding school year. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding to allow each school to have a school nurse by fiscal year 2029. The School Nurses Program shall use the following salary matrix to determine nursing salaries, based on 187 contract days, with school nurses paid based upon their years of public-school nurse experience and highest degree earned. The pay of any part-time employee shall conform to the pro-rata share of the following matrix:

STEP	LPN	RN-ASN	RN-BSN	RN-MSN	RN-DNP
0	34,609	45,660	49,235	53,090	57,247
1	34,609	45,660	49,235	53,090	57,247
2	34,609	45,660	49,235	53,090	57,247
3	38,066	50,221	54,152	58,393	62,965
4	38,066	50,221	54,152	58,393	62,965
5	38,066	50,221	54,152	58,393	62,965

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				Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
589	6	39,735	52,422	56,527	60,954	65,726
590	7	39,735	52,422	56,527	60,954	65,726
591	8	39,735	52,422	56,527	60,954	65,726
592	9	40,934	54,005	58,234	62,794	67,710
593	10	41,343	54,545	58,816	63,421	68,386
594	11	41,756	55,090	59,403	64,055	69,070
595	12	42,174	55,641	59,999	64,696	69,762
596	13	42,596	56,198	60,598	65,344	70,459
597	14	43,023	56,760	61,205	65,997	71,164
598	15	43,454	57,329	61,817	66,657	71,876
599	16	43,887	57,901	62,435	67,324	72,594
600	17	44,327	58,480	63,059	67,997	73,320
601	18	44,769	59,065	63,689	68,676	74,054

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				Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
602	19	45,217	59,655	64,326	69,363	74,794
603	20	45,668	60,252	64,968	70,056	75,542
604	21	46,126	60,855	65,619	70,758	76,298
605	22	46,587	61,463	66,274	71,464	77,059
606	23	47,053	62,078	66,938	72,179	77,831
607	24	47,523	62,699	67,608	72,902	78,610
608	25	47,999	63,325	68,283	73,630	79,395
609	26	48,478	63,958	68,966	74,366	80,189
610	27	48,964	64,598	69,657	75,110	80,992
611	28	49,453	65,244	70,353	75,861	81,800
612	29	49,948	65,897	71,056	76,620	82,619
613	30	50,447	66,555	71,766	77,385	83,445
614	31	50,952	67,221	72,484	78,159	84,279

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			Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
32	51,462	67,894	73,210	78,941	85,123
33	51,976	68,572	73,940	79,730	85,973
34	52,495	69,257	74,680	80,526	86,833
35	53,020	69,950	75,426	81,333	87,701
(g) Information Technology Services Program			23,779,178		23,779,178
The above appropriation shall be expended by local school systems towards the position of a District Technology Director that meets the job description and qualifications established by Section 16-22-20, Code of Alabama 1975.					
(1) Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET)			*150,000*		
The Department shall consult with the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) to implement this allocation, and to assist school systems' effective use of these funds, including but not limited to, conducting workshops, training, and collaborative support for cybersecurity. The above appropriation shall be directed to Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) to assist school systems' effective use of these funds, including but not limited to, conducting workshops, training, and collaborative support for cybersecurity.					
(2) Cybersecurity Improvement			*12,051,980*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation shall be used to improve cybersecurity, including protection of data and infrastructure. The State Department of Education shall allocate this portion of the appropriation with $68,000 for each local education agency, plus $2.00 per student for each student over 1,000 in districts with 1,000 or more students, including the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, the Alabama School for Math and Science, the Alabama School of Fine Arts, the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering, the Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences, and the Department of Youth Services through applications submitted to the Department. Allocations shall be used to fund network administration and/or technology that sustains, complements, upgrades, or augments current security measures. *Any cybersecurity funds not awarded to school systems shall be directed to the Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology to fund programs or pilots to improve the cybersecurity of Alabama's K-12 public school systems.*			
(h) At-Risk Student Program	750,000		750,000
(1) Small Magic	*350,000*		
(2) Youth Advocacy Program	*400,000*		
(i) Career Tech Operations and Maintenance	10,000,000		10,000,000
(j) Start-up Charter Schools	2,000,000		2,000,000
The above appropriation includes funds for start-up and/or conversion of public charter schools which shall be funded at Foundation Program cost per unit in the same manner as other public K-12 schools.			
(k) Math and Science Teacher Program	81,000,000		81,000,000

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total

To be distributed to school systems based on the provisions of Article 15 of Chapter 13 of Title 16 of the Code of Alabama 1975. The Math and Science Teacher Program shall use the following salary matrix to determine the salaries of qualified math and science teachers, based on 189 contract days. In addition to the following salaries, qualified math and science teachers employed in hard-to-staff schools shall receive an additional $5,000 stipend.

Step	Bachelor	Master	AA/EDS	Doctor
0	51,532	58,431	62,573	66,714
1	55,164	63,438	68,403	73,371
2	58,112	66,825	72,075	77,285
3	59,811	68,782	74,185	79,548
4	61,557	70,790	76,349	81,869
5	63,348	72,849	78,571	84,252
6	65,188	74,963	80,853	86,697

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		Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
7	67,075	77,135	83,193	89,208
8	68,416	78,675	84,857	90,993
9	69,784	80,250	86,554	92,813
10	70,829	81,455	87,851	94,204
11	71,892	82,677	89,170	95,616
12	72,971	83,917	90,506	97,051
13	72,971	83,917	90,506	97,051
14	72,971	83,917	90,506	97,051
15	74,069	85,181	91,871	98,513
16	74,069	85,181	91,871	98,513

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		Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
17	74,069	85,181	91,871	98,513
18	75,192	86,470	93,261	100,004
19	75,192	86,470	93,261	100,004
20	75,192	86,470	93,261	100,004
21	76,335	87,787	94,680	101,526
22	76,335	87,787	94,680	101,526
23	76,335	87,787	94,680	101,526
24	77,501	89,126	96,126	103,078
25	77,501	89,126	96,126	103,078
26	77,501	89,126	96,126	103,078

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		Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
	27 78,691	90,496	97,602	104,660
(l)	Parental Leave	9,600,000		9,600,000
	The Alabama State Department of Education will reimburse each LEA for each day of approved leave pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, based on the daily substitute teacher rate specified in the annual education budget.			
(m)	RAISE Act Program	58,000,000	133,000,000	191,000,000

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
To be distributed to school systems pursuant to Section 16-13-362, Code of Alabama 1975. In fiscal year 2027, if any LEA has a poverty, English language learner, or gifted student group whose calculated weighted allocation below is less than the LEA's allocation through the relevant grant programs consolidated into the RAISE Fund (Local Boards At-Risk, English Learners Grant Program, Gifted Students Program), then they shall receive the same amount of funding as they did in fiscal year 2026. The RAISE Act Program allocations to school systems for fiscal year 2027 shall be based a Base Funding Factor of $7,829 per student and the following weights:			
Student Group:	Weighted Allocation:		
Students in Poverty	2.25%		
Special Education:			
Tier 1: Specific Learning Disability, Speech/Language Impairment, Other Health Impairment	2%		
Tier 2: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability, Multiple Disabilities	10%		
Tier 3: Emotional Disturbance or Disability, Hearing Impairment,	75%		

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Orthopedic Impairment, Visual Impairment, Deaf-Blindness, Traumatic Brain Injury			
English Language Learners		7% with 10% for concentrated (over 9% ADM)	
Gifted Students		4.5% (5% ADM)	
Charter School Students attending an eligible charter school physically located in school system with a B, C, D, or F grade on the latest Alabama Education Report Card pursuant to Chapter 6C, Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975		2%	
(n) Special Education Teacher Stipend	7,904,000		7,904,000
The above appropriation includes funds to pay salary supplements of $1,200 and related benefit costs for each classroom Special Education Teacher, including the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind and the Youth Services School District.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	5,717,386,933		
(2) ETF-Transfer	139,000,000		
(3) Federal and Local Funds		966,148,885	
(4) Public School Fund, Estimated		215,532,864	
(5) RAISE Fund		133,000,000	

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
Total Education, State Board of Local Boards of Education	**5,856,386,933**	**1,314,681,749**	**7,171,068,682**

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
Upon certification and approval by the Deputy State Superintendent of the Office of Administrative and Financial Services that any newly formed city school system is an operational public school system within the State of Alabama, the Department shall ensure that any Foundation Program funds or other state funds allocated to the parent county board of education of the newly formed city school system for students that attended and were counted in the Average Daily Membership of the parent county board of education and now will attend the newly formed city school system shall be transferred to the newly formed city school system for operational expenses. The above appropriation shall be distributed by the State Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of Sections 16-13-230 through 16-13-239, Code of Alabama 1975, and all other laws and regulations of the State Board of Education relating to the expenditure of such funds. These funds shall be used to provide a minimum school term of 180 full instructional days, or the hourly equivalent thereof, and for equitable educational opportunities in the public schools of the State. It is the intent of the Legislature that local boards of education allocate state and federal funding to conversion charter schools as required by law. It is further the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated from the Education Trust Fund shall not be used to pay membership dues to any organization/association. Foundation Program calculations for fiscal year 2026-2027 are based on the funding divisors set forth below. Units earned under the Foundation Program shall be employed as regular classroom teachers and assigned by the local board of education. The divisors listed below shall not serve to prescribe pupil-teacher ratios. It is the intent of the Legislature that local boards of education have flexibility in determining where reductions are made. Any reductions made using flexibility of state units must comply with federal comparability and supplanting guidelines. Each district will submit an application for approval by the State Superintendent as to the unit allocation adjustments requested. Grades K-3: 14.25 Grades 4-6: 20.06 Grades 7-8: 19.70 Grades 9-12: 17.95			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total

In allocating the funds in the Foundation Program, the State Board of Education shall allot funds based on the rates established as follows:
The Foundation Program shall use the following salary matrix to determine the cost of instructional salaries, based on 187 contract days, and any part-time contract shall conform to the pro-rata share of the following matrix:

Years Experience	BS	MS	6Y	DO	ND
0	48,552	52,913	57,055	61,195	48,552
1	48,552	52,913	57,055	61,195	48,552
2	48,552	52,913	57,055	61,195	48,552
3	50,609	58,200	62,755	67,317	50,609
4	50,609	58,200	62,755	67,317	50,609
5	50,609	58,200	62,755	67,317	50,609

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			Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
6	52,828	60,750	65,522	70,259	52,828
7	52,828	60,750	65,522	70,259	52,828
8	52,828	60,750	65,522	70,259	52,828
9	54,424	62,586	67,501	72,382	54,424
10	54,966	63,211	68,175	73,105	54,966
11	55,517	63,843	68,857	73,835	55,517
12	56,072	64,482	69,545	74,574	56,072
13	56,633	65,125	70,242	75,319	56,633
14	57,199	65,777	70,943	76,073	57,199
15	57,771	66,436	71,653	76,834	57,771

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			Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
16	58,349	67,099	72,369	77,602	58,349
17	58,932	67,770	73,094	78,378	58,932
18	59,522	68,448	73,825	79,161	59,522
19	60,116	69,132	74,564	79,952	60,116
20	60,718	69,824	75,308	80,753	60,718
21	61,325	70,522	76,062	81,561	61,325
22	61,938	71,228	76,821	82,376	61,938
23	62,557	71,939	77,590	83,199	62,557
24	63,183	72,659	78,366	84,031	63,183
25	63,815	73,385	79,149	84,872	63,815

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			Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
26	64,452	74,119	79,941	85,720	64,452
27	65,098	74,860	80,741	86,578	65,098
28	65,749	75,609	81,547	87,443	65,749
29	66,407	76,365	82,363	88,318	66,407
30	67,070	77,129	83,187	89,202	67,070
31	67,741	77,900	84,019	90,092	67,741
32	68,419	78,679	84,859	90,994	68,419
33	69,102	79,466	85,708	91,905	69,102
34	69,793	80,260	86,565	92,824	69,793
35	70,492	81,063	87,430	93,751	70,492

Professional learning activities are sustained, intensive, collaborative,

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
job-embedded, data-driven, and classroom-focused to provide educators with the knowledge and skills necessary to enable students to succeed and meet the challenging state academic standards. At least fifty percent of all professional learning requirements necessary to retain a valid Alabama teaching certificate shall be directly related to the knowledge and skills necessary to provide high quality instruction that leads to student development and academic growth. The State Board of Education may adopt rules, as necessary, for initial or recertification criteria. The State Superintendent shall provide a status report on the approval system status and budgetary needs to the Chairs of the House Ways and Means-Education and Senate Finance and Taxation-Education Committees on a semi-annual basis. Notwithstanding Section 16-13-231.1(d), Code of Alabama 1975, there shall not be an appropriation for the 1% over the total cost of instructional salaries for the Foundation Program as calculated by the State Minimum Salary Schedule for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026. For "Fringe Benefits" the rate per day for two personal days and five sick days (for units earned in the Foundation Program) shall be $120. The Teachers' Retirement System employer rate shall be 14.66% of salaries for Tier I members and 13.70% of salaries for Tier II members. The Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Program (PEEHIP) rate shall be $1,048 per month for each full-time employee. As funds are appropriated, the appropriation herein shall include funds to pay for substitute support employees for each day a support employee is absent. For "Classroom Instructional Support," the uniform amounts used in determining the Foundation Program allowance for classroom instructional support shall be: (1) textbooks or digital resources at $100.00 per pupil in average daily membership during the first 20 scholastic days after Labor Day of the preceding school year; (2) classroom materials and supplies at $1,000.00 per unit earned in the Foundation Program; (3) technology at $500.00 per unit earned in the Foundation Program; (4) professional development at $100.00 per unit earned in the Foundation Program; and (5) library enhancement at $157.72 per unit earned in the Foundation Program. 100% of funds allocated for classroom materials and supplies shall be used for			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
in-classroom expenses. Funds for classroom materials and supplies shall not be used to maintain, repair, or replace technology equipment or devices, or other instructional material that is mandated by the State Department of Education, and is used in the classroom to provide instruction to students. Funds allocated for instructional support units to meet Advanced Education standards may be used for principals, assistant principals, counselors, and librarians as calculated by the State Department of Education and assigned to the schools where such units are earned. An instructional support unit earned for a principal shall be increased by .31 for elementary schools, .35 for middle schools, and .45 for secondary schools and unit schools. For assistant principals, an instructional support unit earned shall be 0.5 FTE for elementary schools with an ADM of 300-499.99 and 1.0 FTE for middle schools with an ADM of 300-499.99. An instructional support unit earned for a counselor shall be increased by .03 for secondary schools and unit schools. The budgeting and expenditure of funds in the Foundation Program at the local level shall be determined and made by the local board of education in accordance with rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and all laws governing such school budgets and expenditures.			
15. Education, State Department of:			
(a) Administrative Services Program	574,904,152	65,550,183	640,454,335
(1) Advancement Placement	*13,500,000*		
The above appropriation may support the programmatic work of A+ Education Partnership to expand access to Advanced Placement (AP) courses and rigorous curricula in preceding grades by providing educator training, equipment, incentives, and ongoing support to teachers and students. Subject to appropriations, it is the intent of the Legislature that the State Department of Education may also provide funds to pay for the AP exam fees for Alabama students eligible to receive free or reduced lunch.			
(2) Alabama Holocaust Commission	*150,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(3) Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative - Operations and Maintenance	*159,128,318*		
From the above appropriation, the State Superintendent of Education shall direct Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative Program (AMSTI) resources to the districts based on their individual needs. This appropriation shall not be transferred and must be expended in accordance with the intent of the appropriation to each of the AMSTI sites. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated for AMSTI be divided based upon the number of classroom teachers served by in-service centers and expended only for AMSTI through established procedures of the most recent year's contractual agreement of each site within the regional in-service center regions. The State Superintendent of Education shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Finances and Budgets, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer the expenditures for AMSTI. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the amounts expended for the equipment, materials and supplies needed to teach math and science, as well as the amounts expended for professional development and on-site support. The report shall also include information regarding the effectiveness of the initiative in improving math and science test scores for K-12 students. No money appropriated for the Alabama Reading Initiative or AMSTI may be repurposed by the State Superintendent of Education for any other purpose other than those already established herein.			
a. Alabama Numeracy Act	*114,000,000*		

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To be expended in accordance with Title 16, Chapter 6H, Code of Alabama 1975. An education task force that is responsible for vendor evaluations for the Numeracy Act shall provide all notes, scoring sheets, and rubrics to the Department of Education and the Department shall make this information available to vendors upon request post-award.			
b. Data Literacy	*2,629,000*		
The above appropriation shall be expended in collaboration with Quant Hub.			
c. Saban Center	*2,000,000*		
It is the intent of the Legislature that funds be utilized for teacher training, professional development, and teacher internships at the Saban Center as agreed to by the State Department of Education, in support of mathematics and science goals established by the Department. Teachers should be selected from a variety of schools, with a strategic emphasis to include those in the Black Belt Region and/or with a large percentage of economically disadvantaged students.			
d. Early Childhood Classroom Assessment	*1,700,000*		
(4) Alabama Reading Initiative - Operations and Maintenance	*151,950,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated for the Alabama Reading Initiative be expended only for the Alabama Reading Initiative Program. The State Superintendent of Education shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Finances and Budgets, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer, the expenditures for the Alabama Reading Initiative Program. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the specific amounts expended for professional development, a summary and evaluation of summer and afterschool programming across the state, and on-site support for school coaches and support staff for Alabama Reading Initiative purposes only. The remaining funds shall be expended for any of the following: for the employment of state and regional level reading specialists, for professional development and technical assistance to schools, to supplement the costs of local reading coaches, summer enrichment programs, incentives for schools demonstrating the most growth in grade 3 reading achievement, or other purposes to improve K-3 literacy. The remaining funds appropriated herein shall be expended in accordance with the general provisions of the Alabama Literacy Act, Chapter 6G of Title 16. The State Superintendent of Education shall ensure these funds target the lowest performing schools. An education task force that is responsible for vendor evaluations for the Alabama Literacy Act shall provide all notes, scoring sheets, and rubrics to the Department of Education and the Department shall make this information available to vendors upon request post-award.			
a. K-3 Reading Coaches	*36,800,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
A minimum of the amount above shall be allocated directly to local boards of education for the employment of reading coaches to work in grades K-3. At a minimum, $80,000 shall be distributed to each local board of education for the employment of a full time reading coach. The remaining funds shall be distributed to each local board of education pro-rata based on the number of K-3 schools and/or students as determined by the State Department of Education. All funds are to be distributed and expended for reading coaches to serve grades K, 1, 2, and 3 only.			
b. Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT) Stipend Program	*600,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation includes funds to pay salary supplements and related benefit costs for Certified Academic Language Therapists (CALT) and other costs of the program. Supplement amounts will be determined by the availability of funds based on the number of CALT Teachers. The state of Alabama will provide an annual supplement of $5,000 to any CALT that is employed full-time in a public K-12 school system or public independent school and is properly certified by the state of Alabama. The existing eligibility criteria will apply: (a) CALTs employed on less than a full-time contract on October 1 will receive a pro-rata share of the salary supplement. (b) CALTs employed full-time after October 1 will receive a pro-rata share of the salary supplement. (c) Any CALT employed full-time in Alabama and properly certified by the state of Alabama will receive the annual salary stipend. (d) CALTs employed as a substitute are not eligible for the salary supplement. (e) CALTs who are on leave of absence for more than half a school year will receive a prorated amount based on the number of months worked during the school year. (f) CALTs will receive the salary supplement each year of the valid period of the CALT credentials unless the Alabama Legislature declines to make the annual appropriation. (g) CALTs must maintain their CALT credentials in order to continue receiving the salary supplement. (h) CALTs employed in the final year of their CALT credentials valid period will receive a prorated amount based on the number of months worked covered in that valid period. (i) CALTs who leave after October 1 will be eligible for a prorated amount based on the months served. (j) CALTs must remain employed with a public K-12 Local Board of Education school system or public independent school to continue receiving the salary supplement.			
c. Early Childhood Classroom Assessment	*1,700,000*		
(5) Alabama Summer and Afterschool Program	*17,286,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
Of the above appropriation, $17,200,000 shall be expended for the Alabama Summer and Afterschool Program (ASAP) grants program with the objective of reducing the achievement gap in students who are not proficient in reading and/or math. *The State Superintendent of Education shall administer the grants process. Grants shall be awarded to a) local education agencies, municipalities, and not-for-profit organizations for summer and afterschool programs that provide direct services and b) to entities that provide support to summer and after-school programs. Afterschool programs shall be guided by the Alabama Afterschool Quality Standards; summer programs shall be guided by the "Final Report and Recommendations" of the Alabama Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, Pages 81-92.* *Data on student and program outcomes shall be collected and used to inform a continuous improvement process. A report shall be provided to the Legislature listing grantees and summarizing outcomes.* *The intent of the Legislature is to increase access to evidence-based, high-quality summer and afterschool programming, to build a diverse delivery model of providers, and to foster collaboration between local education agencies and community-based organizations. The goal is to award at least 60% of the funding to nonprofit, community based organizations or partnerships between community-based organizations and local education agencies.*			
(6) Arts Education	*2,100,000*		
(7) Better Basics	*500,000*		
For reading and math instruction and resources to the educationally vulnerable.			
(8) Children First Trust Fund	*3,050,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation will be directed by the State Department of Education towards the specialized treatment of students with autism, students with emotional disabilities and students with deficit disorders. The Department may also allocate funds to each local educational agency as a supplemental appropriation based upon the number of students with identifiable disabilities.			
(9) Children's Eye Screening Program and Follow-up Eye Care	*2,896,460*		
Vendors shall file a report on or before December 31, 2026 with the Chairs of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer. Children identified as uninsured or underinsured shall be provided with free eye exams and free prescription spectacles. A database including specific data by child, grade, school/system, and services for outcome-based measurement shall be maintained and archived.			
a. Student Eye Screenings	*1,448,230*		
To provide eye screening for students in Grades K, 2 and 4. The method of screening shall be color photo refraction as developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.			
b. Student Follow-Up Eye care	*1,448,230*		
To provide follow-up eye care for Grades K, 2 and 4 students. Follow-up eye care services shall include, but not be limited to, providing assistance in obtaining and coordinating local eye care services for those children identified as needing said follow-up eye care services whether insured, uninsured or underinsured.			
(10) Computer Science for Alabama (CS4AL) Program	*7,000,000*		
(11) Distance Learning	*26,000,000*		

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Includes testing. Job descriptions shall be developed by the State Department of Education for positions funded by this appropriation. The hiring of personnel shall be monitored by the State Department of Education for compliance with these job descriptions. In addition, these funds shall be used exclusively for the distance learning initiative ACCESS (Alabama Connecting Classrooms, Educators, and Students Statewide). For the 2026-2027 school year, the Department shall not charge any Alabama resident, whether home-schooled or enrolled in a non-public school, a fee to participate in the ACCESS Program.			
(12) English Language Learners Program	*4,000,000*		
a. Regional EL Specialists	*4,000,000*		
Regional EL Specialists under the State Department of Education and auxiliary support.			
(13) High Needs Special Education Grant Program	*14,000,000*		
To provide grants to school districts for services for students or groups of students for special education and related services that are unduly expensive, extraordinary and/or beyond routine.			
(14) Juvenile Probation Officers	*750,000*		
(15) Local School and School System Academic and Financial Improvement Program (At-Risk)	*4,958,367*		
a. Legislative School Performance Recognition Program	*250,000*		
For financial awards pursuant to the Legislative School Performance Recognition Program, as established by Section 16-6C-3, Code of Alabama 1975.			

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b. Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program	*400,000*		
For Title I schools pursuant to Section 16-1-55, Code of Alabama 1975.			
c. Jones Valley Teaching Farm	*700,000*		
d. Retired Senior Volunteer Program	*175,000*		
To be used for student tutoring and mentoring. The funds allocated to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program shall not be used for salaries. The program shall file a report on October 1, 2026, with the Department of Education, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer regarding the number of volunteer hours provided statewide and to each local school system for the prior year.			
(16) Military Children Support Plan	*800,000*		
(17) Online High-Speed Teacher Certification Portal	*450,000*		
To support improvements in teacher certification.			
(18) Operations and Maintenance of the Department	*38,999,215*		
a. Unmet Needs Grant Program	*10,000,000*		

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To be expended for a grant program to be administered by the State Superintendent of Education to address unmet capital, equipment, or other needs of K-12 schools. The Superintendent shall notify all members of the local legislative delegation five days prior to the announcement of any grant made to any K-12 school located in the legislative jurisdiction. The five days prior notice requirement shall be waived in the event of a declared emergency. The State Superintendent of Education shall report all grants awarded to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer. Such report shall include amounts awarded and intended use of funds.			
(19) Pilot Programs	*3,750,000*		
a. Mental Health Telecounseling Pilot Project	*2,500,000*		
b. Best and Brightest STEM Pilot Program	*250,000*		
Pursuant to the provisions of Act 2020-204. In collaboration with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.			
c. Montgomery Pilot Program: Career Direct Certification	*200,000*		
d. Montgomery Pilot Program: Conflict Resolution	*200,000*		
e. Montgomery Pre-K Pilot Program	*400,000*		
f. Montgomery Pilot Program: Bloom Bucks	*164,000*		
g. Montgomery Pilot Program: Mechatronics STEM Camp	*36,000*		
(20) School Safety Security and Climate Program	*16,200,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
a. Bullying Prevention Project	*5,000,000*		
To be expended for the Bullying Prevention Project in accordance with Title 16, Chapter 28B, Code of Alabama 1975. The State Superintendent of Education shall distribute the above appropriation as grants to local education agencies. These agencies may be awarded funds only after application to the State Department of Education. The grant application process may require the submission of plans by the applicant to meet the requirements set forth in Chapter 28B of Title 16. In the awarding of grants, preference will be given to applicants seeking to develop and implement evidence-based practices to promote a school environment that is free of harassment, intimidation, violence, and threats of violence. This program may also address tier one and tier two of the school-based mental health model of all students receiving prevention education and peers working to support and identify at-risk students. Additionally, the program may focus to increase school safety through early identification of at-risk students, minimizing disciplinary infractions including school suspensions and expulsions. The program may provide grade level prevention curriculum for all students and, in that case, the curriculum must be updated annually to remain current and relevant to current trends that youth face in their lives. Any applicable prevention curriculum must be comprehensive and satisfy the following state mandates: Erin's Law, Jamari Terrell Williams Student Bullying Prevention Act, Jason Flatt Act, Price Hornsby Act, and drugs and alcohol prevention programs. In addition, any program related to mental health should be flexible enough to focus on the greatest mental health needs for each individual school. For accountability purposes, reporting data must include the number of students engaged in the programs, the number of students supported, and the number of students referred to adults as at-risk.			
b. Mental Health Collaborative	*250,000*		
c. Regional Safety Training Specialists	*800,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
d. School-Based Mental Health Service Coordinator	*7,650,000*		
The above appropriation shall be expended to provide grants to local education agencies and public independent schools to expand school-based mental health initiatives. The State Superintendent of Education shall notify, in writing, all school systems of the availability of the funding. The notification shall include the grant application and the amount available to each system. The grant application process must require the submission of plans by the applicant to provide for a mental health service coordinator to support coordination of mental health services throughout the system. In the awarding of grants, preference will be given to applicants willing to partner with the Alabama Department of Mental Health under the ADMH school-based Mental Health collaboration and traditionally high-poverty underserved districts throughout the state. After funding reaches $40,000 for each system, additional funding for the program shall be allocated to school systems by the Alabama State Department of Education.			
(21) Special Education Licensed Interpreters Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teachers	*8,500,000*		
(22) Statewide Student Assessment	*20,405,117*		
To be expended for expenses directly related to student assessments. Funds from this appropriation shall be expended to administer all requirements of Section 16-46A-10, Code of Alabama, 1975.			
(23) STEM Education Consortium	*1,500,000*		
To be divided equally between the Cook Natural Science Museum and The McWane Center. Funds may be used to hire personnel with a course of study focused on STEM education, and for other necessary expenses.			
(24) Tenure Personnel Hearings	*200,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
To provide reimbursements for court reporters and hearing officers under the provisions of Title 16, Chapter 24C, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(25) Turnaround Schools	*10,000,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
This appropriation shall be used for the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Early Childhood Education, to fund a program to be known as the Governor's Turnaround Schools. These grants are for the lowest performing public elementary schools which are identified as underperforming by the State Superintendent in consideration of the provisions of the Alabama Accountability Act, the State Report Card System, and other criteria as determined by the State Superintendent. The intent of these grants is to identify and target specific deficiencies of each individual underperforming elementary school and target said deficiencies with high quality and innovative educational supports. In consultation with these schools as well as the local education agencies that respectively oversee these schools, the State Department of Education will develop and oversee a comprehensive plan for school improvement. It is the intention of this provision that all areas of the State Department, including Alabama Reading Initiative, Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative, Office of Mathematics Improvement, and Office of School Improvement, will work together to best serve these selected schools. Schools previously named to this list will be known as Cohort 1. Beginning with the fiscal year 2027 Budget Request, the State Department will recommend a pathway for schools in Cohort 1 to exit this program, and the Department will recommend new schools to replace those exiting the program in subsequent years. These schools may be known as Cohort 2 and so forth. The State Superintendent may also request additional funds so that additional cohorts can be expanded as Cohort 1 schools leave the program over the next few years. Any expansion of new Cohorts should be modest with respect to the purpose of this program which is expected to offer extraordinary supports to a relatively limited number of schools at a time. The State Department of Education should annually produce written progress reports on these schools to the Chair of the House Ways and Means - Education Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation - Education Committee, the Governor, and the Local School Board,			

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Superintendent, and Principal of each school.			
(26) Woolley Institute for Spoken Language Education	*1,000,000*		
(27) Office of School Improvement	*2,200,560*		
(28) Office of Specialized Treatment Centers	*27,800,000*		
Of the above appropriation, $27,000,000 shall be made available to the State Department of Education endorsed and approved Specialized Treatment Centers for the purpose of educational services and operational costs. The funds shall be allocated based on a formula using student counts and licensed capacity approved by the State Superintendent of Education.			
(29) Cameras in the Classroom Grant Program	*600,000*		
To be expended in accordance with Section 16-39-13, Code of Alabama 1975 to promote classroom and student safety in self-contained classrooms providing special education services. The above appropriation shall be expended to provide grants to public K-12 schools to use toward the purchase, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of video cameras in the classrooms. Priority shall be given first to schools with financial challenges and/or with high percentages of nonverbal children. The State Department of Education shall notify in writing all local boards of education, by July 1, 2026, of the availability of funds. The notification shall include the grant application process and the criterion used to determine the grant amounts awarded. No funding will be available until October 1, 2026.			
(30) Principal Leadership and Mentoring Act	*33,205,115*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
To be expended in accordance with Title 16, Chapter 6I, Code of Alabama 1975. Eligible personel at the the Department of Youth Services and Career Tech shall be allowed to participate in the program.			
(31) Speech Pathologist Stipend Program	*775,000*		
The above appropriation includes funds to pay salary supplements and related benefit costs for Speech Pathologists and other costs of the program. Supplement amounts will be $1,000 for each Speech Pathologist, including the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind and Department of Youth Services School District.			
(32) Alabama Teacher Observation Tool	*1,000,000*		
To offer training and support for impactful classroom observations, providing prescriptive professional learning, guidance for elevating accomplished teaching, and improving student outcomes; and to maintain an electronic reporting system for all LEAs to utilize in this work.			
(33) CPR Kits	*250,000*		
$250,000 to assist LEAs with the purchase of hands-on CPR kits to be utilized in the classroom to support the hands-on practicing requirement and cognitive learning pursuant to Section 16-40-8, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(b) American Village	2,520,000		2,520,000
(1) U.S. History Commission	*200,000*		
(2) Civics Partnership	*750,000*		
In collaboration with Troy University.			
(3) Debate programs for high needs schools	*250,000*		
(4) U.S. Constitution Program	*200,000*		

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To develop and implement a new high school-level program or curriculum focused on the United States Constitution, aligned to the Alabama Course of Study: Social Studies, 2024.			
(c) Alabama Science in Motion Program	2,583,796		2,583,796
All funds appropriated to this program shall be expended in accordance with Title 16, Chapters 61B and 61C, Code of Alabama 1975. Additionally, any funds unexpended and carried over from prior fiscal years are hereby reappropriated. Of the above appropriation, the State Superintendent of Education shall direct ASIMS funding to each site within the In-service Center regions based on the most recent year's contractual agreements. This appropriation shall not be transferred and must be expended in accordance with the intent of the appropriation of each of the ASIMS sites. The State Superintendent of Education shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Finance and Budgets, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer the expenditures for the Alabama Science in Motion Program. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the amounts expended for the equipment, materials, and supplies needed to teach Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as well as the amounts expended for professional development and for on-site support. The existing Alabama Science in Motion Advisory Committee shall advise the State Superintendent of Education on the operational activities of the ASIMS Program. The ASIMS Advisory Committee shall remain comprised of six project directors, three ASIMS Specialists and three classroom teachers; provided, however, that each of the sites shall be represented by at least one member of the ASIMS Advisory Committee. No funds appropriated for the Alabama Science in Motion Program may be repurposed by the State Superintendent of Education for any other purpose other than those already established herein.			
(d) Disability Determination for Social Security Program		107,902,162	107,902,162
(e) Financial Assistance Program	166,568,164	2,185,993,612	2,352,561,776

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(1) Alabama Baseball Coaches Association	*125,000*		
No scholarship awarded by the association shall be awarded to a recipient that is an immediate family member of a current baseball coach.			
(2) Alabama Sports Officials Foundation	*75,000*		
(3) Alabama Football Coaches Association	*150,000*		
No scholarship awarded by the association shall be awarded to a recipient that is an immediate family member of a current football coach.			
(4) Alabama Multi-Tier System of Supports	*2,000,000*		
To support the Alabama-developed, state-level Multi-tiered System of Support (AL-MTSS) Framework, as required by the Alabama Literacy Act and the Alabama Numeracy Act. This comprehensive support addresses both academic and non-academic student indicators, including those reported on the State Report Card (A-F Grading System), to drive meaningful, lasting improvement.			
(5) Advanced Innovation Grant Program	*8,000,000*		
a. AI-Ready Classrooms	*2,000,000*		
b. Alabama Digital Literacy Program	*1,500,000*		
c. ALET Learning Platform	*1,000,000*		
d. Plasma Games	*2,000,000*		
e. Prisms STEM Virtual Reality Program	*1,500,000*		
(6) Alabama Scholars Bowl TV Show	*100,000*		
(7) Alabama Teacher Mentor Program	*5,000,000*		

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In each school where there is at least one or more first-year teachers, a mentor teacher shall be identified and recommended by the school principal to the Department of Education based on (1) his or her commitment to collaborative work and (2) he or she having at least five years of teaching experience. The mentor teacher shall be compensated in an amount of no less than one thousand dollars ($1,000) for the academic year for his or her services as a mentor. The Department shall clearly define roles and responsibilities for the mentor teacher to, at a minimum, include (1) requiring at least two meetings per month of the mentor teacher and the first-year teacher during the school year, and (2) requiring mid-year and year-end reporting by the mentor teacher to his or her principal relating to the progress of each first-year teacher he or she is mentoring.			
(8) Career Tech Initiative	*38,382,239*		
The above appropriation shall be spent on expanding career tech learning opportunities for students and to extend leadership and student organized activities throughout the state as defined by the State Superintendent of Education.			
a. Agribusiness Education Program	*726,900*		
$275,000 of the amount above shall be expended for student membership dues for Future Farmers of America.			
b. Alabama Cattleman's Youth Program	*80,000*		
For an educational event where youth from all across Alabama can learn about beef nutrition and sustainable livestock production and can compete in educational contests and exhibit cattle.			
c. Agriscience Teachers	*1,000,000*		

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Not more than $1,000,000 of the appropriation for Career Tech Initiatives shall be first used for agriscience purposes if an adequate number of RFP's are received. Such funds shall be made available through a competitive grant process to pay stipends, salaries, benefits and travel of agriscience teachers who work on a 220 day or less contract provided their duties and activities exceed existing contract length. In the event all the agriscience funds are not applied for, the balance of the $1,000,000 shall revert to the balance of the appropriation and shall be distributed at the discretion of the State Superintendent of Education for additional career tech initiatives not limited to but including travel and student leadership development activities in other career tech program disciplines.			
d. Career Coaches Program	*15,723,370*		
To expand the Career Coaches Program. Career coaches who are certified as teachers may be compensated on the state minimum salary schedule for teachers based upon years of experience, highest degree earned, and the length of contract in the same manner as classroom teachers.			
e. Imagine Academy	*794,372*		
(9) Children's Hospital	*1,540,000*		
a. Poison Control	*800,000*		
b. Sunshine School	*400,000*		
(10) Coach Safely Initiative	*850,000*		
(11) Grow your Own	*569,750*		
To provide matching funds for scholarships to students from rural high schools, designated as either Rural-Distant or Rural-Remote by the NCES, who qualify for full Pell Grant eligibility plus the TEACH Grant to attend and graduate from a 4-year in-state college or university Teacher Education Preparation Program who will then return to their home community to teach for a minimum of 5 years.			
(12) Helping Families Initiative	*3,500,000*		

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Not more than 15% of the appropriation shall be used for indirect, overhead, administration, training, or support expenses. The Helping Families Initiative shall file a report no later than September 30, 2027 with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, and the Finance Director regarding the number of students served by each LEA. The report shall include measures and be in a format as prescribed by the Legislative Services Agency.			
(13) Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL, Inc.)	*1,080,000*		
(14) High Hopes for Alabama Students	*11,980,287*		
(15) Hudson Alpha Institute - Science Teacher Training	*2,000,000*		
(16) Jobs for Alabama's Graduates (JAG)	*7,050,742*		
(17) Liberty Learning Foundation	*1,175,000*		
(18) Micro School Grant Program	*500,000*		
The State Department of Education shall design and implement a grant program for microschools to assist with the startup costs and ongoing administrative support of first-year schools. A report shall be submitted by the fifth day of the 2027 Regular Session which includes a geographic breakdown of first-year schools funded as well as individual school enrollment as of January 1, 2027. The department may contract with a third party for the administration of the program.			
(19) National Board Certification of Teachers	*1,500,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The amounts below are minimum amounts. The balance of funds shall be expended to provide fee support to candidates seeking certification. Any unused portion of the funds shall be expended for aforementioned candidate support and professional development. Priority shall be given to candidates in certificate areas of need as determined by the State Superintendent of Education (e.g. Mathematics, Literacy, Science, English Language Arts, Career and Technical Education, etc.); candidates who agree to teach at a school with five or fewer National Board Certified Teachers for a period of three years; and additional need criteria determined by the State Superintendent of Education.			
a. Accomplished Teaching, Learning and Schools (ATLAS)	*50,000*		
b. Candidate Support and Professional Development	*50,000*		
During the certification process.			
(20) National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	*13,712,908*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation includes funds to pay salary supplements and related benefit costs for Nationally Board-Certified Teachers (NBCT) and other costs of the program. Supplement amounts will be determined by the availability of funds based on the number of National Board Certified Teachers. (1) The state of Alabama will provide an annual supplement of $5,000 to any NBCT that is employed full-time in a public K-12 school and is properly certified by the state of Alabama. The existing eligibility criteria will apply: (a) NBCTs employed on a less than full-time contract on October 1 will receive a pro-rata share of the salary supplement. (b) NBCTs employed full-time after October 1 will receive a pro-rata share of the salary supplement. (c) NBCTs who earn National Board Certification in another state and are teaching full-time in Alabama on October 1 and are properly certified by the state of Alabama will receive the annual salary stipend. (d) NBCTs employed as a substitute are not eligible for the salary supplement. (e) NBCTs who are on leave of absence for more than half a school year will receive a prorated amount based on the number of months worked during the school year. (f) NBCTs will receive the salary supplement each year of the valid period of the certificate unless the Alabama Legislature declines to make the annual appropriation. (g) NBCTs must renew their certificate by the year of the certificate's expiration in order to continue receiving the salary supplement. (h) NBCTs employed in the final year of the certificate valid period will receive a prorated amount based on the number of months worked covered in that valid period. (i) NBCTs who leave after October 1 will be eligible for a prorated amount based on the months served. (j) NBCTs must remain employed with a public K-12 local Board of Education in order to continue receiving the salary supplement. (2) In addition to the supplement provided by subsection (1) of this section, classroom teachers shall be eligible for an additional supplement of $5,000 if in an instructional assignment in challenging, high poverty schools, subject to the following conditions and limitations: (a) Teacher holds a valid NBPTS certificate in			

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Literacy, English Language Arts, English as a New Language, Math, Science, Exceptional Needs, or Career and Technical Education; and (b) School has been on the "Priority School" list 3 of the last 5 years; and/or (c) School has a graduation rate more than 10% less than the state average for 2 of the 3 most recently posted years; and/or (d) School has a free and reduced federal lunch student percentage of 75% or greater as determined by the most recent data posted or provides meals to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision. The State Department of Education shall file a report on or before September 30, 2027 with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer regarding the number of classroom teachers becoming eligible and receiving the additional supplement provided in (2) above during fiscal year 2027.			
(21) Reach and Teach	*350,000*		
(22) Robotics Grant Program	*1,250,000*		
The above appropriation shall be expended to provide grants of not more than $3,500 per school to support robotics programs. The State Department of Education shall notify in writing all school systems, by July 1, 2026, of the availability of funding for elementary, middle and high school robotics programs. The notification shall include the grant application process and the amount of funding available to each school. No funding will be available until October 1, 2026.			
a. Elementary Robotics Grant Program	*100,000*		
(23) Educational Delivery Options for Public Schools Grant Program	*5,000,000*		
(24) Southern Research Institute	*750,000*		
The above appropriation shall be used to expand the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Educational Outreach Program statewide.			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(25) Southwest School of Deaf and Blind	*198,865*		
(26) Special Education Certified Behavior Analysts (Autism)	*13,500,000*		
(27) Special Education Pre-School Program	*30,000,000*		
(28) Student and Teacher Plant Science Consortium (formerly Student Botanical Pilot Project)	*500,000*		
(29) Symphony in Education Program	*325,000*		
(30) Teach for America	*822,000*		
It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated for Teach for America be used to employ veterans of the United States Armed Forces where possible. Any teachers employed with these funds shall only teach in the subject area for which they have demonstrated competency as determined and approved by the State Department of Education.			
(31) Teacher In-Service Centers	*3,509,080*		
The State Superintendent of Education shall administer the In-Service Centers by confirming the areas of focus for professional development activities, monitoring and approving the professional development plan of the centers, approving the budget, and evaluating the centers on an annual basis to determine performance outcomes and identify any deficiencies and require any necessary corrective measures. Nothing herein shall require the existing in-service regions be redrawn or require the State Superintendent to distribute AMSTI, ASIMS, technology in motion, or other funds to more than the existing in-service regions. The above appropriation to the In-Service Centers shall be distributed to the In-Service Centers as provided below.			

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a. Alabama A and M University	*320,086*		
b. Alabama at Birmingham, University of	*346,848*		
c. Alabama State University	*282,287*		
d. Alabama, University of	*263,249*		
e. Athens State University	*274,838*		
f. Auburn University	*284,217*		
g. Jacksonville State University	*279,528*		
h. Montevallo, University of	*291,391*		
i. North Alabama, University of	*258,283*		
j. South Alabama, University of	*368,644*		
k. Troy University	*293,875*		
l. West Alabama, University of	*245,834*		
(32) Teacher Professional Development Training	*3,697,293*		
The Department shall file a report with the Chairs of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer on the first day of the 2027 Regular Session regarding the expenditures and usage of the funds appropriated to these programs in fiscal year 2027.			
a. Computer Science Educator Training	*300,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The ALSDE shall coordinate and, as needed, allocate funds through a competitive grant process for state entities (e.g., non-profits, higher ed) to offer professional development on curricula that has been approved by the ALSDE for a computer science pathway; curricula should be open and available across multiple computing platforms (e.g., available within a web browser). Funding shall be used for professional development and teacher support. The ALSDE shall provide a report of the initiative to the Chair of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education no later than June 15, 2027.			
b. Middle School Computer Programming Initiative	*613,907*		
The Department shall allocate funds through a competitive grant process for local education agencies. Each grant may be used for professional development, training, and curriculum, and shall not exceed $25,000. The Department shall provide a report of the initiative to the Chair of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education no later than June 1, 2027.			
c. Special Education Professional Development Program	*188,907*		
For educators and school board members.			
d. Technology in Motion Program	*2,594,479*		
To train teachers (K-12) on authentic computer science and other technology program training as directed by the State Superintendent. High school and middle school teachers from math, science, and career tech will be trained to offer stand-alone Computer Science courses, and elementary teachers will be trained to integrate computer science into weekly activities, following nationally developed curricula that address the Alabama Course of Study: Digital Literacy and Computer Science.			
(33) Teacher Recruitment Programs	*6,200,000*		

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a. AKEEP Education and Teacher Recruitment Partnership	*200,000*		
In collaboration with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.			
b. Alabama Recruit and Retain Urban/Rural Teachers	*700,000*		
In collaboration with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.			
c. STEM Major teacher recruitment program	*4,500,000*		
In collaboration with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.			
d. Teacher Recruitment and Placement	*800,000*		
(34) Vaping Education Program	*150,000*		
The above appropriation shall be used by the Drug Education Council in coordination with the Department of Education to conduct vaping prevention education programs for elementary, middle, and high school students.			
(35) Youth Leadership and Development Program	*525,000*		
For the expansion of a leadership development program for high school juniors and seniors based on the three pillars of faith, character, and patriotism.			
(36) Athletic Trainers Secondary School Incentive Program	*300,000*		
To be expended in accordance with Sections 34-40-31 through 34-40-35, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(37) Big Brothers/Big Sisters	*200,000*		
(f) Future Teachers of Alabama	250,000		250,000

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The above appropriation shall be expended to provide grants of not more than $1,500 to each senior high school to establish and support Future Teachers of Alabama programs by funding stipends of $1,000 for teachers to serve as program directors at each school and the remaining $500 being used for program activities and expenses. The State Department of Education shall notify in writing all school systems, by July 1, 2026, of the availability of funding for senior high school Future Teachers of Alabama programs. The notification shall include the grant application process and clearly defined program expectations. The Department of Education shall allocate funds to schools no later than November 1.			
(g) Gifted Students Program	1,775,000		1,775,000
(1) Gifted Student Grant Program	*1,775,000*		
Pursuant to Section 16-1-51, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(h) Kindervision	250,000		250,000
(i) Liability Insurance Program	17,500,000		17,500,000
(j) Reading is Fundamental Program	30,000		30,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	763,797,316		
(2) ETF-Transfer	2,583,796		
(3) Driver Education and Training Fund		5,145,634	
(4) Federal and Local Funds		2,349,300,323	
(5) Special Education Catastrophic Fund		5,000,000	
Total Education, State Department of	**766,381,112**	**2,359,445,957**	**3,125,827,069**
The funds appropriated above shall not be used to implement standards, programs or student assessments created by the Common Core State Standards Initiative after April 1, 2013.			
16. Educational Television Commission:			
(a) Educational Television Program	10,854,510	1,275,403	12,129,913

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SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	10,854,510		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		1,275,403	
Total Educational Television Commission	**10,854,510**	**1,275,403**	**12,129,913**
The above appropriation is made with encouragement that it only be used for programming that is unbiased, appropriate for the audiences to which it is targeted, and fails to promote specific political or social ideology. Of the above appropriation, $5,427,255 shall be conditioned upon the Educational Television Commission transferring the WLRH public radio station in Huntsville to the Univarsity of Alabama in Huntsville prior to the start of the 2027 Regular Session.			
17. Evaluation of Services, Alabama Commission on the:			
(a) Special Services Program	944,100		944,100
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	944,100		
Total Evaluation of Services, Alabama Commission on the	**944,100**		**944,100**
18. Executive Commission on Community Services Grants, State:			
(a) Community Services Grants Program	12,604,798		12,604,798
Distributed pursuant to Section 29-2-123, Code of Alabama 1975.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	12,604,798		
Total Executive Commission on Community Services Grants, State	**12,604,798**		**12,604,798**

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The above appropriation shall be used for grants that promote public education purposes.			
19. Family Practice Rural Health Board:			
(a) Family Practice Rural Health Program	3,794,823		3,794,823
(1) Auburn Rural Health Program	*300,000*		
(2) Rural Medical Scholars Program - University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa	*962,500*		
(3) Tuskegee Area Health Education Center (TAHEC)	*89,815*		
Minimum amount.			
(4) UAH Rural Health Program	*823,400*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	3,794,823		
Total Family Practice Rural Health Board	**3,794,823**		**3,794,823**
20. Finance, Department of:			
(a) Fiscal Management Program	969,603		969,603
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	969,603		
Total Finance, Department of	**969,603**		**969,603**
21. Finance-Teacher Unused Sick Leave:			
(a) Employee Benefits Program	2,500,000		2,500,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	2,500,000		
Total Finance-Teacher Unused Sick Leave	**2,500,000**		**2,500,000**
To be distributed by the State Comptroller to the designated beneficiaries or estates for unused sick leave pursuant to Section 16-1-18.2, Code of Alabama 1975.			

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22. Fine Arts, Alabama School of:			
(a) Financial Assistance Program	14,137,952	1,139,500	15,277,452
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	14,137,952		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		1,139,500	
Total Fine Arts, Alabama School of	**14,137,952**	**1,139,500**	**15,277,452**
23. Fire Fighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission, Alabama/Fire College:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance	7,185,588	5,133,118	12,318,706
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	7,185,588		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		5,133,118	
Total Fire Fighters Personnel Standards and Education Commission, Alabama/Fire College	**7,185,588**	**5,133,118**	**12,318,706**
24. Geological Survey:			
(a) Discovery and Development of Mineral, Energy and Water Resources, Geologic Research and Topographic Mapping Program	618,754		618,754
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	618,754		
Total Geological Survey	**618,754**		**618,754**
25. Governor's Office of Volunteer Services:			
(a) Executive Direction Program	414,140		414,140
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	414,140		

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Total Governor's Office of Volunteer Services	**414,140**		**414,140**
26. Health, Department of Public:			
(a) Administrative Services Program	1,180,079		1,180,079
(b) Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	9,250,000		9,250,000
(c) Continuing Education for EMT Personnel	1,635,782		1,635,782
With the above appropriation, the Department shall offer performance-based awards to regional EMS agencies for the purpose of providing continuing education to EMTs and strengthening the EMS infrastructure.			
(d) Office of Emergency Medical Services	1,000,000		1,000,000
(1) Alabama Trauma Communications Center	*1,000,000*		
To be expended by the State Health Officer to improve and support the Alabama Trauma Communications Center located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The office shall report by March 1, 2027, how the money was spent or was planned to be spent, and what measurable improvements were expected from the spending, and report by January 1, 2028, on the extent to which goals for improvement were met or are on track to be met. The reports shall be delivered to the Governor and to the Chairs of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee and the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education.			
(e) Public Health Services Program	19,607,329		19,607,329
(1) AIDS Alabama	*625,000*		
(2) Alabama Commission on Tick Borne Illness	*75,000*		
(3) Alabama Health Education Centers	*690,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(4) Alabama Kidney Foundation	*497,463*		
(5) Franklin Rural Residency Program			
(6) Impact Alabama	*1,195,000*		
a. Home First Program	*200,000*		
(7) Lions Sight eye screening	*500,000*		
(8) Medical Education and Residency Programs	*4,254,000*		
a. Primary Care Physician residency program - through Cahaba Clinic	*800,000*		
b. North Alabama Rural Dental Clinic Residency Program	*1,450,000*		
c. Rural Psychiatry Residency Program	*200,000*		
d. Alabama Medical Education Consortium	*725,000*		
e. Franklin Rural Residency Program	*694,000*		
f. Rural Alabama Teaching Health Center	*385,000*		
(9) Partnering in Training in Healthcare (PATH)	*500,000*		
(10) Partnering in Training in Healthcare (PATH) - School health providers	*250,000*		
(11) Statewide Trauma System	*250,000*		
(12) Statewide Stroke System	*200,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(1) ETF	23,423,190		
(2) ETF-Transfer	9,250,000		
Total Health, Department of Public	**32,673,190**		**32,673,190**
27. School of Healthcare Sciences, Alabama:			
(a) Financial Assistance Program	5,515,990		5,515,990
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	5,515,990		
Total School of Healthcare Sciences, Alabama	**5,515,990**		**5,515,990**
28. Higher Education, Alabama Commission on:			
(a) Deferred Maintenance Program	5,000,000		5,000,000

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation is to be deposited into a separate fund to be allocated for a grant program for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state. The grants are to be allocated for deferred maintenance on existing structures and cannot be utilized for new construction. The grant program shall be administered by ACHE, and ACHE shall establish rules for the implementation of the grant program, the application process for the grants, and the awarding of the grants. Grants shall be awarded based on demonstrated needs, and ACHE shall develop and implement a scoring process to evaluate each grant application, which may include the availability of matching funds from the college or university, and certify compliance with grant award following project completion. ACHE shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation-Education Committee, House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Finance Director and the Legislative Fiscal Officer within 30 days after September 30, 2027. The report shall include the recipient, amount, and approved use of each grant issued. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any of the above funds which remain unexpended on September 30, 2027, shall not revert, but shall be reappropriated in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2027, to be expended for the grant program.			
(b) Planning and Coordination Services Program	11,385,148	486,239	11,871,387
(1) FAFSA Completion Assistance	*580,000*		
(2) Industry Credential Directory	*100,000*		
Of the above appropriation, $100,000 shall be allocated for a non-public facing credential registry for college and university credentials. The credential registry shall include all degree and non-degree credentials offered at public colleges and universities. Data from the college and university credential registry shall be shared via a data sharing agreement to the public facing Alabama Credential Registry managed by the Alabama Department of Workforce.			
(3) Move on When Ready	*3,000,000*		

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Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 46D, Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(4) Operations and Maintenance	*4,470,148*		
(5) Pathways to Progress	*600,000*		
(6) ReEngage Program	*1,935,000*		
The above appropriation and any prior appropriations from the Education Trust Fund for the ReEngage Program are to be deposited into a separate fund to be allocated under the provisions of Sections 16-33D-3 through 16-33D-7, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(7) Retain Alabama	*650,000*		
The Retain Alabama project will provide digital marketing strategies targeting soon-to-be college graduates, promotional materials about Alabama and career opportunities, and other strategies to retain Alabama College graduates initiated by the Executive Director in collaboration and coordination with Innovate Alabama. The Retention Initiative would help retain Alabama College graduates by: (1) Identifying internships, co-op opportunities, and entry-level jobs at emerging companies and established companies in Alabama; (2) Partnering with Alabama colleges and universities to promote these career opportunities to Alabama college students throughout the State; and (3) Creating opportunities for Alabama college students to learn more about communities throughout Alabama, while also engaging with other students to create a cohort environment.			
a. Alabama Higher Education Partnership Student Retention Council Program	*250,000*		
b. Retain Alabama Project	*400,000*		
Administered by ACHE			
(8) Study Alabama	*50,000*		

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(c) Student Financial Aid Program	33,790,549	1,000,000	34,790,549
(1) Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Scholarships	*9,831,114*		
To be expended in accordance with Sections 31-10-1 through 31-10-5 and Sections 31-10-20 through 31-10-24, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(2) Alabama Student Assistance Program	*10,000,000*		
(3) Birmingham Promise Scholarship Program	*892,500*		
(4) Educational Grants Program (Alabama Student Grant Program)	*10,500,000*		
To be expended in accordance with Sections 16-33A-1 through 16-33A-11, Code of Alabama 1975. Private institutions receiving state grant funds under this provision shall make their best effort to use the equivalent of 10% of Federal Work Study allocations for the purpose of tutoring and mentoring students in grades K-12 to better prepare them for graduation, college entry and retention. Institutions shall work with their respective governing boards to develop and implement this effort.			
(5) Math and Science Teacher Education Program		*1,000,000*	
To be expended pursuant to Sections 16-5-50, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975. ACHE shall submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, House Ways and Means-Education Committee and the Legislative Fiscal Officer within 30 days after September 30, 2027, including updates on all aspects of the program.			
(6) Policeman's Survivor Tuition, Estimated	*466,935*		

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To be expended under the provisions of Section 36-21-105, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(7) Indian Affairs Scholarship Program	*100,000*		
(8) Alabama Law Enforcement Officers' Family Scholarship Program	*2,000,000*		
(d) Support of Other Educational Activities Program	3,675,063	7,144,819	10,819,882
(1) Articulation and General Studies Committee (AGSC)/ Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System (STARS)	*999,589*		
To be expended in accordance with Section 16-5-8(e), Code of Alabama 1975. The purpose of AGSC/STARS is to provide Alabama college students with a simplified, seamless, and streamlined transfer process by providing them with accurate transfer information through state-approved transfer guides. STARS is housed at Troy University. The Commission shall work to ensure that dual enrollment courses apply towards a degree where applicable.			
(2) EPSCoR (Research) Program	*1,460,184*		
Of the above appropriation, at least thirty percent (30%) may be expended for the operations and maintenance of the Alabama Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (Alabama EPSCoR) administrative offices located at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.			
(3) Network of Alabama Academic Libraries	*384,076*		
ACHE shall provide for the participation of Athens State University in the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries.			

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(4) Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)	*831,214*		
(e) Support of State Universities Program	6,491,283		6,491,283
(1) Alabama Agricultural Land Grant Alliance	*6,491,283*		
a. McIntire-Stennis Forestry Research Initiative Matching Program	*539,524*		
b. State Matching Funds	*5,006,831*		
To be distributed as a state match for federal funds for those institutions in the Alliance required to provide matching state funds for the first time in the fiscal year 2000.			
c. Tuskegee University - USDA Matching Funds	*944,928*		
(f) Support of Other State Programs	18,210,376		18,210,376
(1) Adaptive and Disability Sports Education	*60,000*		
(2) Alabama Civil Air Patrol	*155,000*		
(3) Alabama Forestry Commission Education Program	*200,000*		
(4) Alabama Forestry Foundation Black Belt Initiative	*532,000*		
(5) Alabama Trails Foundation	*340,000*		
(6) Black Belt Adventures	*500,000*		
(7) Black Belt Treasures	*350,000*		
(8) National Computer Forensics Institute	*650,000*		

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(9) Resource Conservation and Development Programs (RC and D)	*9,500,000*		
(10) Soil and Water Conservation Committee Program	*3,023,376*		
(11) State of Alabama Humanities Foundation	*300,000*		
(12) USS Alabama Battleship	*1,550,000*		
(13) Alabama HBCU Cares	*650,000*		
(14) Motorsports Hall of Fame	*200,000*		
(15) Alabama HBCU Consortium	*200,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	68,617,419		
(2) ETF-Transfer	9,935,000		
(3) Federal and Local Funds		7,631,058	
(4) Math and Science Teacher Education Program Funds		1,000,000	
Total Higher Education, Alabama Commission on	**78,552,419**	**8,631,058**	**87,183,477**
In addition to the above appropriations, any scholarship funds transferred from the State Department of Education for the Alabama Teacher Recruitment Incentive Program (ATRIP) shall not revert.			
29. Historical Commission, Alabama :			
(a) Historical Resources Management Program	5,936,751		5,936,751
(1) Operating Grant Program	*4,000,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
To be distributed as grants to monuments to commemorate historical events and places, historical skills centers, cultural heritage parks, historic sites, commissions, boards, agencies, and authorities that are not owned, operated, or otherwise under the control of the Alabama Historical Commission or other state agencies. Grants will be awarded to entities that reflect a historical education-based mission and concentrate on historical educational programming. Preference shall be given to: (1) any property constructed prior to 1840 that is listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and that are publicly owned and accessible to the public; or (2) any property in Alabama built in 1943 or before, and is listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or any property built after 1943 that significantly contributed to the civil rights movement. The first three grants shall be reserved for Old State Bank for $200,000, Huntsville Historical Depot for $100,000, and Mt. Pinson Presbyterian Church for $75,000. Remaining grant amounts shall not exceed $100,000 for any one entity and must be used within two years of receiving the grant. Grants will not be awarded to any entity receiving funding directly or indirectly from the Education Trust Fund or the General Fund nor may grants be awarded to any private or for-profit business or organization.			
a. Grants to Historical Sites	*500,000*		
A minimum of $300,000 of the grants shall be distributed to historical sites, or monuments related to the civil rights movement, as determined by the Commission.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	5,936,751		
Total Historical Commission, Alabama	**5,936,751**		**5,936,751**
30. Human Resources, Department of:			
(a) Fostering Hope Scholarship Program	1,205,608		1,205,608

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
To be expended under the provisions of Sections 38-12B-1 through 38-12B-10, Code of Alabama 1975. The Department shall file a report with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer and the Finance Director on October 1, 2026, regarding the total number of scholarships awarded for the Fall term of the 2025-2026 academic year and the institution attended by the scholarship recipients. The report shall also include the name of each scholarship recipient and the number of years the recipient has received a scholarship.			
(b) Human Services Program - Jobs Child Care and After School Child Care Program and Family and Children Services Program	91,974,081		91,974,081
The Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources shall report semi-annually to the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation-Education Committee, the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, Permanent Joint Legislative Committee on Finances and Budgets, the Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer regarding the expenditure of federal stimulus funds received by the Department for Child Care and After School Care Programs. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, specific amounts expended for professional development and a summary of summer and after-school programming across the state.			
(1) Black Belt Eye Care Consortium	*375,000*		
(2) Bell Center	*100,000*		
(3) ASD Assessments, Services, and Therapies	*500,000*		
(4) Educating Children at Residential Hospitals	*1,000,000*		
(5) Greater Alabama Child Development Program	*926,114*		
For rural daycare.			

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(6) Roebuck Early Childhood Learning Center	*75,000*		
(7) Summer EBT Program Administration	*10,000,000*		
(8) Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center	*570,932*		
For daycare.			
(9) Boys and Girls Club of Alabama	*350,000*		
Of this amount, $350,000 shall be from the Education Trust Fund and is to be expended exclusively to contract with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alabama for TANF approved programs. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Alabama shall provide reports and/or information, per the Department's request, and/or contract to enhance accoutability of any TANF funds. The Department shall provide to the Chairs of the House Ways and Means-General Fund Committee and the Senate Finance and Taxation-General Fund Committee and the Legislative Fiscal Officer a report by the first day of the 2027 Regular Session on the individual contracts and amounts and the expenditure usage of the funds.			
(c) Human Services Program - Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) Program and Family and Children Services Program	14,090,281		14,090,281
(1) Child Advocacy Centers	*1,600,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	107,269,970		
Total Human Resources, Department of	**107,269,970**		**107,269,970**

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No funds from the sales tax for the issuance of food stamps shall be reverted by the Department of Human Resources to the Education Trust Fund. Any funds appropriated which are in excess of the amount needed to fund the food stamp program shall be retained by the Department and expended for direct services to children, including the TANF program.			
31. Law Enforcement Agency, State:			
(a) Department of Public Safety Program	336,041		336,041
(b) State Bureau of Investigation Program	2,643,157		2,643,157
(1) School Mapping	*2,000,000*		
To be expended under the provisions of Sections 16-22B-1 through 16-22B-6, Code of Alabama, 1975.			
(2) School Safety	*572,446*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	2,979,198		
Total Law Enforcement Agency, State	**2,979,198**		**2,979,198**
32. Library Service, Alabama Public:			
(a) Public Library Service Program	15,023,291	3,162,662	18,185,953
(1) Alabama Supreme Court Library	*550,000*		
(2) Homework Alabama	*395,000*		
(3) Public Libraries	*6,600,000*		
To be distributed to public libraries within the State. In order to receive funding from this program, the library must be in compliance with Administrative Code Rule 520-2-2-.03.			
(4) Virtual Library Project	*3,611,637*		
In order to receive funding from this program, the library must be in compliance with Administrative Code Rule 520-2-2-.03.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(1) ETF	15,023,291		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		3,162,662	
Total Library Service, Alabama Public	**15,023,291**	**3,162,662**	**18,185,953**
33. Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium/Dauphin Island Sea Lab:			
(a) Support of Other Educational Activities Program	6,843,568	14,262,878	21,106,446
(1) Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium	*125,000*		
(2) Mobile Bay National Estuary Program	*125,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	6,843,568		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		14,262,878	
Total Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium/Dauphin Island Sea Lab	**6,843,568**	**14,262,878**	**21,106,446**
34. Mathematics and Science, Alabama School of:			
(a) Financial Assistance Program	12,989,520	1,502,000	14,491,520
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	12,989,520		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		1,502,000	
Total Mathematics and Science, Alabama School of	**12,989,520**	**1,502,000**	**14,491,520**
35. Medical Scholarship Awards, Board of:			
(a) Support of Other Educational Activities Program	2,440,014	1,000,000	3,440,014

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The board, in determining those areas in greatest need of medical service, shall primarily be guided by information on areas that have been actively designated health professional shortage areas, through evaluation by the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health. The board shall file a report with the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, the Chair of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer and the Finance Director on October 1, 2026. The board's report shall include, if determined, where each student who has not started clinical practice has contracted to practice clinical medicine to repay his or her loans. If that area is not actively designated as a health professional shortage area, as determined by the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, the board in its report shall state why it allowed that location as a place where that student could practice to repay his or her loans. The report shall also include the total number of scholarships awarded for the fall term of the 2025-2026 academic year and the institution attended by the scholarship recipients. The report shall also include the name of each scholarship recipient and the number of years the recipient has received a scholarship and, if determined, where the recipient has contracted to practice clinical medicine to repay his or her loans. The report shall also report where contract holders were working in clinical practice to repay their loans, how many in each location, where physicians who had repaid their loans worked to do so, and how many in each location. The report also shall detail the board's budget and operating expenses for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.			
(1) Alabama Physician Assistants Service Program (Loan Repayment)	*500,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
To be expended under the provisions of Sections 16-47-220 through 16-47-225, Code of Alabama 1975. The Board shall file a report with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer and the Finance Director on October 1, 2026, regarding the expenditures and the condition and accomplishments of the program, including start-up preparations.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	2,440,014		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		1,000,000	
Total Medical Scholarship Awards, Board of	**2,440,014**	**1,000,000**	**3,440,014**
36. Mental Health, Department of:			
(a) Institutional Treatment and Care of Intellectually Disabled Program	57,706,719		57,706,719
(1) ARC-type Community-based Programs	*4,282,409*		
To fund ARC-type community-based programs pursuant to a formula developed by the Department of Mental Health. Any ARC program receiving funds for the first time in fiscal year 2027 shall receive a minimum of $50,000.			
(2) Camp ASCCA	*540,000*		
(3) Developmental Disability Nurse Delegation Program	*800,000*		
(4) Eagles' Wings Program	*625,000*		
(5) Rainbow Omega	*625,000*		
(6) Residential Habilitation	*960,000*		
(7) Community Provider Rate Increases	*6,750,000*		
(8) Hilinski Program	*250,000*		

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To provide mental health support for students through courses on mental health literacy, help-seeking, and bystander intervention.			
(b) Institutional Treatment and Care of Mental Illness Program	16,483,540		16,483,540
(1) School-Based Mental Health Services Collaboration	*5,500,000*		
(2) Community Provider Rate Increases	*3,000,000*		
(3) For services to Children and Youth with Severe Emotional Disturbance or Autism Spectrum Disorder	*4,750,000*		
To be used for services to children and youth with severe emotional disturbance or autism spectrum disorder. The ETF funding provided in this act shall be combined with funding provided in the State General Fund appropriations act so that a total of at least $11,000,000 in state funds is allocated for services to those children and youth.			
(c) Special Services Program	7,024,436		7,024,436
(1) Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council	*438,900*		
a. Regional Centers	*225,000*		
(d) Substance Abuse Program	2,892,794		2,892,794
(1) Community Provider Rate Increases	*1,000,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	84,107,489		
Total Mental Health, Department of	**84,107,489**		**84,107,489**

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Of the above appropriation to the Department of Mental Health a portion shall be used to develop and implement best practices and strategies, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, designed to address the mental health needs, including attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder and other anger disorders, of children and adolescents in public schools.			
37. Music Hall of Fame:			
(a) Fine Arts Program	214,127	330,000	544,127
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	214,127		
(2) Music Hall of Fame Fund, Estimated		330,000	
Total Music Hall of Fame	**214,127**	**330,000**	**544,127**
38. Nursing, Alabama Board of:			
(a) Professional and Occupational Licensing and Regulation Program	766,027	13,080,547	13,846,574
The above appropriation shall be expended pursuant to the provisions of Sections 34-21-60 through 34-21-63, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(1) Advanced Degrees Scholarships	*150,000*		
For scholarships for advanced degrees to train instructors to teach nursing classes in Alabama colleges and universities, notwithstanding the limiting provisions of Sections 34-21-60 through 34-21-63, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(2) Loan Repayment Program	*450,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
For a loan repayment program for advanced-practice nurses, notwithstanding the limiting provisions of Sections 34-21-60 through 34-21-63, Code of Alabama 1975. The Board shall file a report with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer and the Finance Director by October 1, 2026, regarding the total number of scholarships and loans awarded for the Fall term of the 2025-2026 academic year and the institution attended by the scholarship and loan recipients. The report shall also include the name of each scholarship and loan recipient and the number of years the recipient has received a scholarship or loan.			
(3) Advanced Practice Nurse Loan Program	*150,000*		
For a loan repayment program for advanced-practice nurses, notwithstanding the limiting provisions of Sections 34-21-150 through 34-21-155, Code of Alabama 1975. The Board shall file a report with the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Officer and the Finance Director by October 1, 2026, regarding the total number of scholarships and loans awarded for the Fall term of the 2025-2026 academic year and the institution attended by the scholarship and loan recipients. The report shall also include the name of each scholarship and loan recipient and the number of years the recipient has received a scholarship or loan.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	766,027		
(2) Alabama Board of Nursing Trust Fund		13,080,547	
Total Nursing, Alabama Board of	**766,027**	**13,080,547**	**13,846,574**
39. Optometric Scholarship Awards, Board of:			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(a) Support of Other Educational Activities Program	200,000	50,000	250,000
To be expended under the provisions of Sections 34-22-60 through 34-22-65, Code of Alabama 1975.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	200,000		
(2) Optometric Scholarship Award Fund		50,000	
Total Optometric Scholarship Awards, Board of	**200,000**	**50,000**	**250,000**
40. Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission, Alabama:			
(a) Professional and Occupational Licensing and Regulation Program	261,089	1,945,929	2,207,018
(b) Certified Law Enforcement Academy Program	2,162,000	1,000,000	3,162,000
(1) Regional Training Academies	*2,162,000*		
To be allocated to the five regional training academies, consistent with the provisions of Section 36-21-47.1, Code of Alabama 1975, in a fair and equitable manner.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	2,423,089		
(2) Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Fund - as provided in Sections 36-21-40 through 36-21-51, Code of Alabama 1975		2,945,929	
Total Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission, Alabama	**2,423,089**	**2,945,929**	**5,369,018**
41. Physical Fitness, State Commission on:			
(a) Advisory Services Program	2,776,631	5,288	2,781,919

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(1) Alabama Sports Council	*607,260*		
(2) Alabama Sports Festival	*1,105,467*		
(3) Alabama Sports Hall of Fame	*700,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	2,776,631		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		5,288	
Total Physical Fitness, State Commission on	**2,776,631**	**5,288**	**2,781,919**
42. Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Board:			
(a) Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Program	6,300,000		6,300,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	6,300,000		
Total Public Education Employee Injury Compensation Board	**6,300,000**		**6,300,000**
43. Rehabilitation Services, Department of:			
(a) Direct Client Services for the Handicapped Program	69,121,876	223,374,952	292,496,828
(1) Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury	*1,000,000*		
(2) Children's Rehabilitation Services	*12,050,611*		
Of the above appropriation, the agency will pay to each hospital the standard per diem paid by the Alabama Medicaid Agency for services relating to scoliosis and spina bifida medical care.			
(3) Disability Resource Network	*150,000*		
(4) Early Intervention Program	*14,690,685*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(5) Education of Dependents of Blind Parents	*10,399*		
The above appropriation shall be allocated for reimbursement to every state institution of higher learning, college, university, community college, or junior college, in which benefits are given to dependents of blind parents under the provisions of Sections 16-33-1 through 16-33-12, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(6) Hemophilia	*1,289,809*		
(7) Homebound	*8,645,509*		
(8) Rehabilitation Services	*24,056,790*		
a. Teaching Children With Disabilities	*128,213*		
(9) Respite Related Services and Training	*315,000*		
(10) Exceptional Foundation	*150,000*		
(11) Physician-Assisted Autism Diagnostic (PAAD) Clinic Models	*1,900,000*		
For statewide autism assessments.			
(12) Rehabilitation Projects	*2,110,631*		
(13) Traumatic Brain Injury Program	*2,552,442*		
(14) United Ability	*100,000*		
(15) UCP Mobile	*100,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	68,121,876		
(2) ETF-Transfer	1,000,000		
(3) Alabama Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund		1,000,000	
(4) Federal and Local Funds		222,374,952	

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
Total Rehabilitation Services, Department of	**69,121,876**	**223,374,952**	**292,496,828**
The above appropriation to the Department of Rehabilitation Services - Rehabilitation Projects may be used to contract with providers of cerebral palsy services.			
44. Revenue, Department of:			
(a) Education Savings Account Program	101,250,000	150,000,000	251,250,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	1,250,000		
(2) ETF-Transfer	100,000,000		
(3) CHOOSE Act Fund, Estimated		150,000,000	
Total Revenue, Department of	**101,250,000**	**150,000,000**	**251,250,000**
45. Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission, Alabama :			
(a) Support of Other Educational Activities Program	2,131,613		2,131,613
(1) Commission Travel and Other Expenses	*60,973*		
(2) University and Community-based Sickle Cell Programs	*2,070,640*		
To fund university and community-based Sickle Cell programs which were funded from the ETF budget in fiscal year 2000. These funds shall be distributed proportionately to the distribution made in fiscal year 2003.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	2,131,613		
Total Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission, Alabama	**2,131,613**		**2,131,613**
46. Supercomputer Authority, Alabama :			
(a) Information Technology Services Program	23,973,106	6,652,703	30,625,809

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation is to be expended in accordance with Sections 41-10-390 through 41-10-406, Code of Alabama 1975.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	23,973,106		
(2) Supercomputer Revolving Fund, Estimated		6,652,703	
Total Supercomputer Authority, Alabama	**23,973,106**	**6,652,703**	**30,625,809**
47. U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission (Formerly Space Science Exhibit Commission, Alabama):			
(a) Special Services Program	3,700,000	46,055,969	49,755,969
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	3,700,000		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		46,055,969	
Total U.S. Space and Rocket Center Commission (Formerly Space Science Exhibit Commission, Alabama)	**3,700,000**	**46,055,969**	**49,755,969**
48. Veterans Affairs, Department of:			
(a) Administration of Veteran's Affairs Program	2,896,956		2,896,956
(b) Student Financial Aid Program, Estimated	50,000,000		50,000,000
For reimbursement to every state institution of higher learning, college, university, community college, junior college or technical college in which benefits are given to veterans, their spouses, widows, or children under the provisions of Sections 31-6-1 through 31-6-17, Code of Alabama 1975.			
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	52,896,956		
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	**52,896,956**		**52,896,956**
49. Workforce, Alabama Department of:			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(a) Industrial Development Program	18,015,000		18,015,000
(1) STEM Council	*4,700,000*		
The above appropriation shall be used for regional STEM hub grants and shall be in collaboration with the State Department of Education.			
(2) Alabama Advanced Transportation Readiness Initiative	*500,000*		
(3) Alabama Workforce Board	*2,300,000*		
To manage the Alabama Credential Registry, to develop the annual Compendium of Valuable Credentials by using the two-tiered non-degree credential quality assurance review process established in the bylaws of the Alabama Committee on Credentialing and Career Pathways, and to provide technical assistance to credential providers in registering credentials to the Alabama Credential Registry.			
(4) Alabama Office of Apprenticeship	*3,115,000*		
(5) Marketing Campaign for Technical Education	*900,000*		
(6) Data Information and Retention Program (Formerly Talent Triad)	*900,000*		
(7) Forest Worker Training Institute	*500,000*		
For logging operation equipment and training.			
(8) Focused Talent Retention Initiative	*400,000*		
Administered by EDPA.			
(9) Huntsville Hospital Health System	*2,500,000*		
For workforce development for in-demand health professionals.			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(10) Individual Training Accounts Pilot Program	*300,000*		
(11) Rural Transportation Program	*300,000*		
(12) Veteran's Resources Center	*300,000*		
(13) Workforce Piloting Solutions	*300,000*		
(14) Workforce Program Enhancements	*1,000,000*		
(b) Skills Enhancement and Employment Opportunities Program	2,341,600	74,500,000	76,841,600
(c) Administrative Services Program	7,000,000		7,000,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	27,356,600		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		74,500,000	
Total Workforce, Alabama Department of	**27,356,600**	**74,500,000**	**101,856,600**
50. Youth Services, Department of:			
(a) Financial Assistance Program (School District)	8,522,182		8,522,182
The above appropriation shall be expended by the Youth Services Department School District in a manner consistent with the funding formula cooperatively established by the Youth Services Board and the State Board of Education pursuant to the provisions of Sections 44-1-70 through 44-1-78, Code of Alabama 1975.			
(b) Youth Services Program	55,243,328		55,243,328
(c) Special Programming for Achievement Network (SPAN) Program	3,565,732		3,565,732
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF-Transfer	67,331,242		
Total Youth Services, Department of	**67,331,242**		**67,331,242**

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
It is the intent of the Legislature for the Department of Youth Services to ensure that each step of each salary schedule for each type of education support personnel provides an hourly rate of not less than $15 per hour, based on the number of contract days and number of hours per day required by the job description for that class and type of employee.			
C. Colleges and Universities:			
1. Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	58,331,184	104,319,143	162,650,327
(1) Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and STEM Enhancements	*125,000*		
(2) State Black Archives Research Center and Museum	*600,000*		
To be allocated equally among the State Black Archives Center and Museum, Scottsboro Boys Museum, and Judge Horton Civil Justice Learning Center.			
(b) Extension-Urban Affairs and Non-Traditional Land Grant Programs	4,084,765		4,084,765
Pursuant to Knight v. Alabama Final Settlement Agreement.			
(c) Agricultural Research Station Fixed Costs	432,285		432,285
Pursuant to Knight v. Alabama Final Settlement Agreement.			
(d) Auxiliary Enterprises		34,612,894	34,612,894
(e) Restricted Funds		55,151,763	55,151,763
(f) Agricultural Research and Extension-State Match	1,305,883		1,305,883
(g) The Virginia Caples Learning Living Institute	100,000		100,000

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	64,254,117		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		194,083,800	
Total Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, Board of Trustees	**64,254,117**	**194,083,800**	**258,337,917**
2. Alabama A and M University, Board of Trustees-Miles College Consortium:			
(a) Alabama A and M University-Miles College Consortium	493,486		493,486
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	493,486		
Total Alabama A and M University, Board of Trustees-Miles College Consortium	**493,486**		**493,486**
3. Alabama State University, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	69,335,841	76,578,182	145,914,023
(1) Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences	*100,000*		
$25,000 per quarter shall be transferred to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences - Forensic Services Trust Fund for the building occupied by the department at the Alabama State University campus.			
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		19,474,816	19,474,816
(c) Restricted Funds		30,245,541	30,245,541
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	69,335,841		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		126,298,539	

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
Total Alabama State University, Board of Trustees	**69,335,841**	**126,298,539**	**195,634,380**
4. Alabama, The University of, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support for the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa	284,765,168	1,017,406,959	1,302,172,127
(1) Alabama Small Business Development Centers	*961,600*		
(2) Alabama Transportation Research	*6,000,000*		
(3) Institute for Automotive Engineering	*1,000,000*		
(4) Rural Health Care Program	*600,000*		
(5) State of Alabama Water Resource Center	*1,360,000*		
(b) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support for the University of Alabama at Birmingham	439,340,008	5,033,457,590	5,472,797,598
(1) Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance	*1,400,000*		
In collaboration with the Southern Research Institute.			
(2) Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Clinic	*750,000*		
(3) Center for Clinical and Transitional Science	*500,000*		
(4) Genome Alabama	*2,000,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
In collaboration with the Hudson Alpha Institute.			
(5) High School and Middle School Athletic Training Programs	*556,765*		
(6) Underserved Communities Dental Program	*201,473*		
(7) Rural Hospitals Resource Center	*1,250,000*		
(8) School of Optometry	*250,000*		
(9) UAB School of Medicine-Central Alabama Regional Campus	*500,000*		
(10) University of Alabama at Birmingham Cancer Center	*5,052,527*		
(c) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support for the University of Alabama in Huntsville	81,513,659	141,106,395	222,620,054
(1) Alabama Office of the State Climatologist	*850,000*		
(2) Redstone Research Retention Program	*2,700,000*		
(d) Special Mental Health and Chauncey Sparks Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders, University of Alabama at Birmingham	4,236,628		4,236,628
(e) Auxiliary Enterprises		349,720,516	349,720,516
(f) Restricted Funds		854,158,184	854,158,184
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	809,855,463		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(2) Federal and Other Funds		7,395,849,644	
Total Alabama, The University of, Board of Trustees	**809,855,463**	**7,395,849,644**	**8,205,705,107**
5. Athens State University, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	24,650,048	25,896,523	50,546,571
(1) Arts Center	*431,455*		
(2) Center for Excellence in Education Development	*325,000*		
(3) Collaboration Program with the Alabama Community College System	*275,000*		
(4) Smart Valley Program	*150,000*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		900,000	900,000
(c) Restricted Funds		26,418,028	26,418,028
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	24,650,048		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		53,214,551	
Total Athens State University, Board of Trustees	**24,650,048**	**53,214,551**	**77,864,599**
6. Auburn University, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support, Auburn University	308,994,633	973,969,857	1,282,964,490
(1) Allied Health Initiative	*200,000*		
(2) CLT Outreach and Research	*700,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
The above appropriation for CLT Outreach and Research shall be used for capital expenses and equipment and shall not be used for salaries and benefits.			
(3) College of Architecture, Design and Construction	*500,000*		
(4) McCrary Institute	*1,000,000*		
(5) National Livestock Competition Coordinator	*250,000*		
For the recruitment and retention of a National Livestock Competition Coordinator for the College of Agriculture.			
(6) Poultry Science Department	*250,000*		
(7) Irrigation Research and Outreach Initiative	*500,000*		
(b) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support, Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station	46,031,398	6,451,500	52,482,898
(c) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support, Alabama Cooperative Extension System	48,466,499	1,739,228	50,205,727
(1) 4-H Youth Development Agricultural and Animal Sciences Extension Specialist	*125,000*		
(d) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support, Auburn University at Montgomery	36,598,473	53,485,227	90,083,700
(1) Senior Resource Center	*114,915*		
(e) Restricted Funds		303,013,668	303,013,668
(f) Auxiliary Enterprises		285,453,550	285,453,550
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(1) ETF	440,091,003		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		1,624,113,030	
Total Auburn University, Board of Trustees	**440,091,003**	**1,624,113,030**	**2,064,204,033**
7. Jacksonville State University, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	65,793,021	130,913,380	196,706,401
(1) Center for Applied Forensics	*500,000*		
(2) Center for Law Enforcement Best Practices	*475,000*		
(3) Center for Manufacturing Support	*700,000*		
(4) Economic Development Initiative for the Alabama Scenic River Trail	*425,000*		
(5) Little River Canyon Field School	*450,000*		
Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any amount appropriated to Jacksonville State University for the Little River Canyon Field School, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, which is unexpended shall remain at Jacksonville State University to be expended for the Little River Canyon Field School.			
(6) Correctional Professional Training	*150,000*		
(7) Paint Rock Valley Genetic Research	*420,000*		
(8) Sweet Trails Alabama	*635,000*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		26,641,858	26,641,858

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(c) Restricted Funds		83,690,040	83,690,040
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	65,793,021		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		241,245,278	
Total Jacksonville State University, Board of Trustees	**65,793,021**	**241,245,278**	**307,038,299**
8. Montevallo, University of, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	34,874,394	41,687,007	76,561,401
(1) Allied Health	*1,500,000*		
(2) Purchase Books and Materials for Disadvantaged Students	*50,000*		
(3) Rural Teacher Recruitment	*350,000*		
(4) Mental and Physical Health Initiatives	*50,000*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		11,964,769	11,964,769
(c) Restricted Funds		6,826,461	6,826,461
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	34,874,394		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		60,478,237	
Total Montevallo, University of, Board of Trustees	**34,874,394**	**60,478,237**	**95,352,631**
9. North Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	61,335,950	111,850,888	173,186,838
(1) North Alabama Trails and Recreation	*400,000*		

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(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		22,774,971	22,774,971
(c) Restricted Funds		3,953,817	3,953,817
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	61,335,950		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		138,579,676	
Total North Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees	**61,335,950**	**138,579,676**	**199,915,626**
10. South Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	183,251,844	1,266,502,059	1,449,753,903
(1) ALS Center for Excellence	*750,000*		
(2) Rural Hospitals Resource Center	*1,250,000*		
(3) USA Trauma Center	*4,000,000*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		36,327,203	36,327,203
(c) Restricted Funds		102,600,000	102,600,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	183,251,844		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		1,405,429,262	
Total South Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees	**183,251,844**	**1,405,429,262**	**1,588,681,106**
11. Troy University, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	92,420,654	162,352,138	254,772,792
(1) Dothan Pre-K Teacher Training Center	*475,000*		
(2) Sign Language Interpretive Center	*450,000*		

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
(3) Center for Civics Education and Leadership	*1,000,000*		
(4) Civics Partnership	*750,000*		
In collaboration with American Village.			
(5) College of Engineering	*700,000*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		22,219,738	22,219,738
(c) Restricted Funds		41,590,845	41,590,845
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	92,420,654		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		226,162,721	
Total Troy University, Board of Trustees	**92,420,654**	**226,162,721**	**318,583,375**
12. West Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Operations and Maintenance and Program Support	37,106,748	54,551,903	91,658,651
(1) Blackbelt Scholars Program	*750,000*		
(2) Cahaba Biodiversity Center	*225,000*		
(3) National Young Farmers	*50,000*		
(4) Rural Workforce Development	*400,000*		
(5) Women's Hall of Fame	*10,000*		
(b) Auxiliary Enterprises		6,801,185	6,801,185
(c) Restricted Funds		705,864	705,864
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	37,106,748		
(2) Federal and Other Funds		62,058,952	
Total West Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees	**37,106,748**	**62,058,952**	**99,165,700**

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	Education Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total
13. West Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees-Stillman College:			
(a) University of West Alabama-Stillman College	200,000		200,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	200,000		
Total West Alabama, University of, Board of Trustees-Stillman College	**200,000**		**200,000**
D. Alabama Innovation Fund:			
1. Alabama Innovation Fund:			
(a) Alabama Innovation Fund	28,170,133		28,170,133
The above appropriation shall be used for economic development and research purposes recommended by the Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce and approved by the Governor. The Secretary of the Department of Commerce shall notify the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation-Education Committee and the House Ways and Means-Education Committee in writing at least 10 days prior to the disbursement of any funds. Such notification shall include the project description and the amount to be disbursed.			
(1) Innovate Alabama	*20,000,000*		
(2) Neurological Research Project	*1,000,000*		
(3) Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology	*1,000,000*		
(4) Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Matching Grants	*5,000,000*		
Pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of Chapter 10 of Title 41.			
(5) Southern Research Institute	*750,000*		
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	28,170,133		
Total Alabama Innovation Fund	**28,170,133**		**28,170,133**

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E. Other:			
1. Deaf and Blind, Alabama Institute for, Board of Trustees:			
(a) Adult Programs	18,892,952	10,718,053	29,611,005
(1) Birmingham Regional Office	*10,000*		
(b) Children and Youth Programs	53,175,088	16,568,112	69,743,200
(c) Industries for the Blind	13,524,419	27,394,000	40,918,419
SOURCE OF FUNDS:			
(1) ETF	85,592,459		
(2) Federal and Local Funds		54,680,165	
Total Deaf and Blind, Alabama Institute for, Board of Trustees	**85,592,459**	**54,680,165**	**140,272,624**
It is the intent of the Legislature for the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind to ensure that each step of each salary schedule for each type of educational classroom support personnel provides an hourly rate of not less than $15 per hour, based on the number of contract days and number of hours per day required by the job description for that class and type of employee.			

Section 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that any institution accepting funds appropriated in this bill do so contingent upon their compliance with the provisions of Article 6, Chapter 1, of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 5. In addition to the appropriations herein made, all gifts, grants, contributions, insurance proceeds or entitlements, in excess of the amount carried in this act, including grants by the Congress of the United States, municipalities or counties, to any department, division, board, bureau, commission, agency, institution, office or officer of the State of Alabama are hereby appropriated and, in the event the same are recurring, are reappropriated to such department, division, board, bureau, commission, agency, institution, office, or officer to be used only for the purpose or purposes for which the grant or contribution was or shall be made. Further, all state, county, municipal, and educational entities are authorized to disburse such sums as deemed necessary by mutual agreement between said entities and the State of Alabama, Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to partially defray the cost of auditing services performed by said agency. All such sums are hereby appropriated and reappropriated if necessary to the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts for audit services, to be

expended through the fund established by Section 41-5A-22, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 6. The State Superintendent of Education shall make requisitions to the State Comptroller in favor of the proper beneficiary in accordance with the law and rules and regulations governing the expenditure or disbursement of any and all funds appropriated to the State Department of Education and/or the State Board of Education in this act, whereupon the Comptroller shall issue her warrant therefor. All other appropriations in this act shall be paid after proper requisitions are made to the State Comptroller in the manner now provided by law.

Section 7. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect or repeal any law authorizing or permitting any college, school, or other education or eleemosynary institution of the State to receive, collect or disburse any fees, tuitions, charges, sales, endowments, trusts or income therefrom, which are now or may hereafter be authorized to receive, collect, or disburse. The receiving college, school or institution shall further maintain separate accounts for such receipts or shall maintain a system of accounting which will show a cash flow of such receipts received under the provision of this appropriation.

Section 8. The appropriations made herein to the departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies include the amounts necessary and said departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies are hereby directed to make

the transfer of funds to the State Personnel Department in the amounts enumerated in the general appropriations act for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027. All agencies and institutions enumerated in this act that receive services from other governmental agencies enumerated in this act or the general appropriations act shall make full payment in a timely manner for such services.

Section 9. All encumbered balances of a previous fiscal year appropriation other than the exclusions authorized by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 41-4-93, shall lapse no later than September 30 of the fiscal year immediately following the fiscal year for which the appropriation was made and shall revert to the credit of the Education Trust Fund or earmarked fund from which the appropriation or appropriations were made.

Section 10. Upon certification to the Director of Finance by the State Attorney General that a federal court has ordered the State of Alabama to pay claims, attorney fees, or other costs relating to said court order, funds are hereby appropriated to the affected department, board, bureau, or commission in the amount necessary to satisfy that court order. Such appropriations are in addition to any other appropriation heretofore or hereafter made in this appropriation act. Such appropriations are conditioned upon the availability of funds and a determination by the Director of Finance that other current appropriations are not available for court-ordered payments.

Section 11. Local boards of education may exercise flexibility among line item expenditures, not to create a reduction of earned teacher units and/or local board of education support personnel.

Section 12. The State Superintendent of Education may approve a request by a local board of education for redirecting Other Current Expense funds designated for pass-through calculations to their local Child Nutrition Program if the redirected funds do not prevent the Child Nutrition Program of that local board of education from maintaining a one-month fund balance.

Section 13. The appropriations made herein to the departments, boards, offices, commissions, and agencies include the amounts necessary to pay the State Employees' Insurance Board (SEIB). The SEIB rate shall be $1,175 per month for each full-time employee for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027. The State Employees' Insurance Board will adjust the insurance program wherever appropriate to maintain the aforementioned fixed rate.

Section 14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act or any other act, any amount from appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 to the various state agencies and institutions in this act, including appropriations from the Education Trust Fund, which are unexpended and reverted on September 30, 2026 are hereby reappropriated to the respective state agencies, offices, and institutions for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026.

Section 15. The At-Risk and High Hopes appropriations made to the State Department of Education shall be expended at the discretion of the State Superintendent of Education, with input from other Alabama State Department of Education advisory personnel, for activities or programs designed to enhance outcomes for At-Risk Students. In an effort to provide the best and most efficient implementation, administration of the funds shall be assigned to and allocated by the Alabama State Department of Education's Division of Administrative and Financial Support.

Section 16. (a) All nongovernmental entities, identified by the Legislative Services Agency, which are allocated funds in Section 3 of this act shall file a report with the Chairs of the House Ways and Means-Education Committee, the Senate Committee on Finance and Taxation-Education, Finance Director, and the Legislative Fiscal Officer prior to the start of the 2027 Regular Session, regarding the proposed expenditures and usage of the funds appropriated in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027. The Legislative Services Agency shall provide notice to the identified nongovernmental entities within 60 days following enactment of this act regarding the reporting requirements and the methodology to submit reports and format to be used, which may include an online platform.

(b) In the event an entity was appropriated funds from the Education Trust Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, the entity shall also include in its report a

detailed breakdown of the expenditure and use of those funds, including an inventory of the services delivered and number of clients served, pursuant to guidelines established by the Legislative Services Agency.

Section 17. The State Superintendent of Education shall notify each local superintendent and finance officer of each local education agency by email regarding the availability and application process, including any required forms, for any available grant opportunities during FY 2027. The State Superintendent shall notify all members of the local legislative delegation five days prior to the announcement of any grant made to any entity located in the legislative jurisdiction. The five days prior notice requirement shall be waived in the event of a declared emergency. The Governor shall encourage the Department to disburse the funds provided herein on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Section 18. Except as may be herein otherwise provided, amounts herein specifically appropriated shall be in lieu of the amounts heretofore provided or appropriated by law for such purposes. The amounts herein appropriated are the maximum amounts to be expended for the purposes herein designated and in no event shall the maximum expenditure provided for any items of expense exceed the amount allocated herein except as may be further provided for under this act, as provided in the Budget Management Act of 1976, Sections 41-19-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, and those appropriations herein made are and shall be subject to terms,

conditions, provisions and limitations of Sections 41-4-80, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, and the Budget Management Act of 1976, Sections 41-19-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 19. In addition to all appropriations heretofore and hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated such amounts as may be necessary for public funds transferred into the State Treasury, in accordance with Executive Order No. 726.

Section 20. (a) In addition to the all appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated the sum of $65,000,000 from the College and Higher Education Excellence and Results (CHEER) Fund, established by HB565 or SB344 of the 2026 Regular Session, or other act of the Legislature, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, to the eligible institutions of higher education, as follows.

Alabama Community College System	24,249,379
Alabama A&M	1,560,183
Alabama State	855,071
Athens State	802,502
Auburn University	7,240,506
Auburn University of Montgomery	1,233,427
The University of Alabama System	15,040,453
Jacksonville State	2,536,716
Troy University	3,156,196

University of Montevallo		794,756
University of North Alabama		2,439,049
University of South Alabama		3,129,220
University of West Alabama		1,728,541
Alabama Commission on Higher Education for Tuskegee University		234,000

(b) The above funds shall be utilized by the institutions to serve the needs of their student population in a manner that directly supports and advances the individual performance outcome categories selected by the Outcomes-Based Higher Education Funding Coordinating Committee in a manner to result in measurable improvements in the student success factors. Provided, however, bonus funding received by premier research universities for increased research expenditures may be used for enhancing and increasing research and innovation including equipment, instrumentation, and infrastructure (e.g., hardware and software); recruiting principal investigators, graduate research students; capital projects, including renovation of existing facilities; associated operating and maintenance costs; and matching funds for federal grants and contracts.

Section 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that any institution accepting funds appropriated in this bill do so contingent upon their compliance with the provisions of Article 6, Chapter 1, of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 22. If any section, paragraph, sentence,

clause, provision, or portion of this act or all or any portion of the appropriations herein made is held unconstitutional or invalid, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or portion of this act or any other appropriation or appropriations or portion thereof hereby made not in and of itself unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 23. All laws or parts of laws, general, special, private, or local in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 24. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.