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3 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
4 HB123

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9 SYNOPSIS: This bill makes a supplemental appropriation
10 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and
11 Technology Fund to the Alabama Community College
12 System in the amount of \$5,866,947 and to the
13 Department of Education in the amount of
14 \$15,546,351 for the fiscal year ending September
15 30, 2016.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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22 Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund to the
23 Alabama Community College System in the amount of \$5,866,947
24 and to the Department of Education in the amount of
25 \$15,546,351 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.
26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations
2 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
3 \$5,866,947 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and
4 Technology Fund to the Alabama Community College System for
5 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. This appropriation
6 shall be expended for equipment and/or deferred maintenance.

7 Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations
8 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
9 \$15,546,351 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and
10 Technology Fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal
11 year ending September 30, 2016. This appropriation shall be
12 expended to: (1) provide funds to complete the goal of
13 providing wireless networks in all public schools or (2)
14 provide E-Rate matching funds to local school systems that
15 apply to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) E-Rate
16 program for funds to accomplish the goal of providing wireless
17 networks in all public schools or (3) provide funds to
18 implement the local school system's state-approved technology
19 plan for any local school system with wireless networks in
20 place that meet required standards.

21 Section 3. (a) The Department of Education shall
22 ensure that each local school system receive the designated
23 funds under the following restrictions:

24 (1) Any system participating in this program that
25 does not have wireless networks in place that meet the
26 standards established herein, but are able to do so using
27 their allotted funds, may use these funds for this purpose.

1 (2) Any system participating in this program that
2 does not have wireless networks in place that meet the
3 standards established herein, and which is unable to meet
4 these standards using their allotted funds alone must apply
5 for E-Rate funds if such funds are available and if they meet
6 all other applicable conditions of the E-Rate program.

7 (3) Any system participating in this program that
8 has wireless networks in place that meet the standards
9 established herein, may use their allotted funds to implement
10 their local school system's state-approved technology plan.

11 (b) The Department of Education shall utilize the
12 standards established in the Wireless Infrastructure
13 Renovation for Education (WIRED) Plan for determining which
14 systems meet the goal of implementing high speed,
15 standards-based Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN) in all
16 schools. Such WLANs are the first priority of this program.
17 The funds provided for each system shall be based on a
18 distribution formula based on enrollment and founded on the
19 WIRED cost model.

20 Section 4. The Department of Education shall allo-
21 cate the funds appropriated herein to the local school systems
22 as follows:

23 Alabaster City	\$113,319
24 Albertville City	100,955
25 Alexander City	69,390

1	Andalusia City	36,984
2	Anniston City	45,023
3	Arab City	47,975
4	Athens City	72,017
5	Attalla City	38,340
6	Auburn City	144,481
7	Autauga County	198,790
8	Baldwin County	602,780
9	Barbour County	19,215
10	Bessemer City	88,358
11	Bibb County	75,398
12	Birmingham City	539,168
13	Blount County	173,205
14	Boaz City	49,118
15	Brewton City	23,373
16	Bullock County	33,795
17	Butler County	69,750
18	Calhoun County	201,356
19	Chambers County	77,918
20	Cherokee County	89,393
21	Chickasaw City	21,105
22	Chilton County	169,808

1	Choctaw County	35,010
2	Clarke County	64,733
3	Clay County	45,315
4	Cleburne County	59,670
5	Coffee County	44,910
6	Colbert County	58,568
7	Conecuh County	31,995
8	Coosa County	23,558
9	Covington County	70,830
10	Crenshaw County	49,973
11	Cullman City	59,278
12	Cullman County	211,254
13	Dale County	67,233
14	Daleville City	24,233
15	Dallas County	73,440
16	Decatur City	184,237
17	DeKalb County	198,788
18	Demopolis City	49,208
19	Dothan City	202,194
20	Elba City	14,625
21	Elmore County	239,147
22	Enterprise City	132,137

1	Escambia County	98,583
2	Etowah County	189,328
3	Eufaula City	60,930
4	Fairfield City	41,333
5	Fayette County	52,965
6	Florence City	93,911
7	Fort Payne City	69,345
8	Franklin County	71,933
9	Gadsden City	114,765
10	Geneva City	28,440
11	Geneva County	61,178
12	Greene County	27,338
13	Guntersville City	40,895
14	Hale County	60,615
15	Haleyville City	37,980
16	Hartselle City	54,175
17	Henry County	54,144
18	Homewood City	70,118
19	Hoover City	243,839
20	Houston County	135,800
21	Huntsville City	461,541
22	Jackson County	123,863

1	Jacksonville City	33,863
2	Jasper City	54,957
3	Jefferson County	757,296
4	Lamar County	52,515
5	Lanett City	20,790
6	Lauderdale County	168,350
7	Lawrence County	109,980
8	Lee County	213,324
9	Leeds City	41,333
10	Limestone County	182,688
11	Linden City	12,240
12	Lowndes County	35,438
13	Macon County	47,430
14	Madison City	163,528
15	Madison County	362,933
16	Marengo County	25,358
17	Marion County	75,480
18	Marshall County	122,840
19	Midfield City	25,988
20	Mobile County	1,307,430
21	Monroe County	80,798
22	Montgomery County	704,498

1	Morgan County	157,708
2	Mountain Brook City	53,532
3	Muscle Shoals City	50,833
4	Oneonta City	31,127
5	Opelika City	95,378
6	Opp City	28,868
7	Oxford City	89,976
8	Ozark City	50,040
9	Pelham City	59,721
10	Pell City	87,737
11	Perry County	35,573
12	Phenix City	148,098
13	Pickens County	57,795
14	Piedmont City	26,483
15	Pike County	48,825
16	Pike Road City	17,680
17	Randolph County	49,635
18	Roanoke City	33,165
19	Russell County	79,278
20	Russellville City	58,433
21	Saraland City	61,221
22	Satsuma City	25,233

1	Scottsboro City	54,804
2	Selma City	80,505
3	Sheffield City	24,098
4	Shelby County	362,490
5	St. Clair County	181,106
6	Sumter County	37,845
7	Sylacauga City	49,665
8	Talladega City	48,510
9	Talladega County	172,235
10	Tallapoosa County	64,350
11	Tallassee City	40,998
12	Tarrant City	26,573
13	Thomasville City	31,050
14	Troy City	45,653
15	Trussville City	68,672
16	Tuscaloosa City	206,784
17	Tuscaloosa County	370,808
18	Tuscumbia City	33,452
19	Vestavia Hills City	108,480
20	Walker County	172,013
21	Washington County	66,398
22	Wilcox County	38,835

1	Winfield City	25,920
2	Winston County	55,373
3		\$15,546,351

4 Section 5. (a) The school systems participating in
5 this program shall pursue obtaining additional funding from
6 the FCC E-Rate program in order to help complete these
7 wireless networks, wherever practicable. Therefore,
8 distribution of and use of the allocated funds will be subject
9 to the following provisions:

10 (1) For school systems that have met the standards
11 established herein or that are in the process of installing
12 the equipment necessary to fully meet these standards and
13 which have approved 2015 Category 2 E-Rate applications which
14 included in their funding request, in whole or in part, the
15 establishment of these wireless networking in schools. If
16 local funds were used as the match for these Category 2 E-Rate
17 applications to accomplish this goal, then the funds allotted
18 herein may be used, in whole or in part, to reimburse local
19 school systems that moved forward with local funds. Any funds
20 not applied to that purpose may be used to implement their
21 local school system state-approved technology plan.

22 (2) For school systems that have not met the
23 standards established herein and which have pending Category 2
24 E-Rate applications which will either advance or complete the
25 wireless networks according to the standards established

1 herein. If systems were not able to provide the local match
2 for these E-Rate applications once approved, then the funds
3 allotted herein may be used for the local match required by
4 E-Rate to the extent that the amount of funds used for the
5 match are in proportion to the cost of the wireless equipment
6 contained in the E-Rate application. Any remaining funds may
7 be used as matching funds for additional E-Rate applications
8 to meet the standards described in the WIRED Plan.

9 (3) For school systems that do not fully meet the
10 WIRED standards, but which are able to do so using their
11 allotment without obtaining additional funding from the E-Rate
12 program. Upon approval by the Department, these systems may
13 use their allotment to complete their wireless networks
14 without applying for E-Rate funding and may use remaining
15 funds to implement their local school system state-approved
16 technology plan.

17 (4) For school systems that do not fully meet the
18 standards established herein which cannot complete the goal
19 without additional funding, and which are eligible to apply
20 for E-Rate funds to this purpose. These systems must submit an
21 E-Rate application for Category 2 funding to assist in the
22 establishment of the wireless networks and shall provide
23 evidence of this application in the form of an E-Rate Form 471
24 application certification notice from the FCC to the
25 Department of Education prior to expending funds from this
26 program. The E-Rate 471 application must include WLAN
27 equipment that meets or exceeds the standards established

1 herein and which is also covered under the E-Rate Category 2
2 program. Program funds issued under these conditions shall be
3 used for the E-Rate local match for the applicable E-Rate
4 funding cycle. Any amount of program funding that exceeds the
5 amount needed for the E-Rate match may be used to implement
6 the local school system's state-approved technology plan,
7 provided that the wireless networks established with the
8 E-Rate funds meet the standards established herein.

9 (5) For school systems that have met the standards
10 established herein. Upon verification of submission of
11 purchase orders or any other supporting documents to the State
12 Department of Education, funds will be approved and released
13 to the school systems. These funds shall be used to implement
14 the local school system's state-approved technology plan.

15 (6) In all cases where program funds will be
16 required to be used as an E-Rate local match these funds must
17 be held available by the local school system until the E-Rate
18 application is approved and the purchasing has begun.

19 Section 6. The Alabama Ahead Oversight Committee
20 shall approve the implementation of Sections 2 through 5.

21 Section 7. All funds not expended in the current
22 fiscal year shall not revert but shall be carried forward for
23 the purpose appropriated.

24 Section 8. This act shall become effective
25 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
26 upon its otherwise becoming law.