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ENROLLED, An Act,

To make a supplemental appropriation from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund to the Department of Education in the amount of \$12,014,402 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; and to require the Department to establish an advisory committee to assist in the implementation of the Wi-Fi infrastructure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated \$12,014,402 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. This appropriation shall be expended to: (1) provide funds to complete the goal of providing wireless networks in all public schools or (2) provide E-Rate matching funds to local school systems that apply to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) E-Rate program for funds to accomplish the goal of providing wireless networks in all public schools or (3) provide funds to implement the local school system's state-approved technology plan for any local school system with wireless networks in place that meet required standards.

1 Section 2. (a) The Department of Education shall
2 ensure that each local school system receive the designated
3 funds under the following restrictions:

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

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

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

18 (b) The Department of Education shall utilize the
19 standards established in the Wireless Infrastructure
20 Renovation for Education (WIRED) Plan, ~~developed, validated~~
21 ~~and approved by the Alabama Education Technology Association~~
22 ~~(AETA),~~ for determining which systems meet the goal of
23 implementing high speed, standards-based Wireless Local Area
24 Networks (WLAN) in all schools. Such WLANs are the first
25 priority of this program. The funds provided for each system

1 shall be based on a distribution formula based on enrollment
 2 and founded on the WIRED cost model.

3 Section 3. The Department of Education shall allo-
 4 cate the funds appropriated herein to the local school systems
 5 as follows:

6	Alabaster City	\$99,643
7	Albertville City	83,806
8	Alexander City	50,191
9	Andalusia City	27,711
10	Anniston City	31,937
11	Arab City	40,587
12	Athens City	63,742
13	Attalla City	26,938
14	Auburn City	135,477
15	Autauga County	157,185
16	Baldwin County	497,161
17	Barbour County	14,077
18	Bessemer City	60,980
19	Bibb County	53,661
20	Birmingham City	394,854
21	Blount County	129,425

1	Boaz City	36,755
2	Brewton City	18,846
3	Bullock County	24,257
4	Butler County	49,369
5	Calhoun County	146,874
6	Chambers County	59,302
7	Cherokee County	64,910
8	Chickasaw City	16,511
9	Chilton County	125,594
10	Choctaw County	24,290
11	Clarke County	44,271
12	Clay County	32,348
13	Cleburne County	42,462
14	Coffee County	33,450
15	Colbert County	41,278
16	Conecuh County	23,402
17	Coosa County	16,314
18	Covington County	51,375
19	Crenshaw County	35,950
20	Cullman City	51,244
21	Cullman County	156,297

1	Dale County	50,635
2	Daleville City	17,728
3	Dallas County	52,510
4	Decatur City	138,602
5	DeKalb County	145,460
6	Demopolis City	37,068
7	Dothan City	152,646
8	Elba City	9,966
9	Elmore County	180,982
10	Enterprise City	111,911
11	Escambia County	73,363
12	Etowah County	143,503
13	Eufaula City	44,255
14	Fairfield City	29,289
15	Fayette County	38,088
16	Florence City	73,560
17	Fort Payne City	51,326
18	Franklin County	53,957
19	Gadsden City	83,312
20	Geneva City	20,968
21	Geneva County	44,008

1	Greene County	18,698
2	Guntersville City	32,217
3	Hale County	42,791
4	Haleyville City	27,678
5	Hartselle City	49,238
6	Henry County	41,179
7	Homewood City	65,913
8	Hoover City	227,687
9	Houston County	103,639
10	Huntsville City	374,363
11	Jackson County	89,743
12	Jacksonville City	24,685
13	Jasper City	44,255
14	Jefferson County	591,837
15	Lamar County	37,315
16	Lanett City	13,896
17	Lauderdale County	134,803
18	Lawrence County	77,507
19	Lee County	160,392
20	Leeds City	30,227
21	Limestone County	142,927

1	Linden City	8,223
2	Lowndes County	25,474
3	Macon County	34,206
4	Madison City	162,069
5	Madison County	310,999
6	Marengo County	17,301
7	Marion County	55,701
8	Marshall County	90,137
9	Midfield City	18,567
10	Mobile County	924,889
11	Monroe County	57,970
12	Montgomery County	497,309
13	Morgan County	125,857
14	Mountain Brook City	71,883
15	Muscle Shoals City	47,297
16	Oneonta City	24,290
17	Opelika City	69,597
18	Opp City	21,412
19	Oxford City	67,952
20	Ozark City	34,470
21	Pelham City	49,895

1	Pell City	65,995
2	Perry County	24,257
3	Phenix City	112,865
4	Pickens County	43,301
5	Piedmont City	19,850
6	Pike County	35,111
7	Pike Road City	18,172
8	Randolph County	35,802
9	Roanoke City	24,306
10	Russell County	59,072
11	Russellville City	44,452
12	Saraland City	48,432
13	Satsuma City	21,511
14	Scottsboro City	41,706
15	Selma City	58,266
16	Sheffield City	16,741
17	Shelby County	329,546
18	St. Clair County	146,068
19	Sumter County	26,198
20	Sylacauga City	36,443
21	Talladega City	33,434

1	Talladega County	126,860
2	Tallapoosa County	47,017
3	Tallassee City	29,996
4	Tarrant City	18,962
5	Thomasville City	21,560
6	Troy City	32,085
7	Trussville City	73,281
8	Tuscaloosa City	164,865
9	Tuscaloosa County	296,922
10	Tuscumbia City	24,948
11	Vestavia Hills City	114,296
12	Walker County	124,146
13	Washington County	48,284
14	Wilcox County	27,826
15	Winfield City	20,442
16	Winston County	<u>39,288</u>
17		\$12,014,402

18 Section 4. (a) The school systems participating in
 19 this program shall pursue obtaining additional funding from
 20 the FCC E-Rate program in order to help complete these

1 wireless networks, wherever practicable. Therefore,
2 distribution of and use of the allocated funds will be subject
3 to the following provisions:

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

16 (2) For school systems that have not met the
17 standards established herein and which have pending Category 2
18 E-Rate applications which will either advance or complete the
19 wireless networks according to the standards established
20 herein. If systems were not able to provide the local match
21 for these E-Rate applications once approved, then the funds
22 allotted herein may be used for the local match required by
23 E-Rate to the extent that the amount of funds used for the
24 match are in proportion to the cost of the wireless equipment
25 contained in the E-Rate application. Any remaining funds may

1 be used as matching funds for additional E-Rate applications
2 to meet the standards described in the WIRED Plan.

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

11 (4) For school systems that do not fully meet the
12 standards established herein which cannot complete the goal
13 without additional funding, and which are eligible to apply
14 for E-Rate funds to this purpose. These systems must submit an
15 E-Rate application for Category 2 funding to assist in the
16 establishment of the wireless networks and shall provide
17 evidence of this application in the form of an E-Rate Form 471
18 application certification notice from the FCC to the
19 Department of Education prior to expending funds from this
20 program. The E-Rate 471 application must include WLAN
21 equipment that meets or exceeds the standards established
22 herein and which is also covered under the E-Rate Category 2
23 program. Program funds issued under these conditions shall be
24 used for the E-Rate local match for the applicable E-Rate
25 funding cycle. Any amount of program funding that exceeds the

1 amount needed for the E-Rate match may be used to implement
2 the local school system's state-approved technology plan,
3 provided that the wireless networks established with the
4 E-Rate funds meet the standards established herein.

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

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

15 ~~Section 5. The State Department of Education shall~~
16 ~~establish an advisory committee to assist in the~~
17 ~~implementation of this act. The membership of the committee~~
18 ~~shall consist of, but not be limited to, select board members~~
19 ~~of the Alabama Education Technology Association (AETA) who~~
20 ~~have experience and knowledge in the administration and~~
21 ~~management of school networks; additional members who have~~
22 ~~experience in school networks and technology applications; and~~
23 ~~select members of the Education Technology Department of the~~
24 ~~State Department of Education. The membership of the advisory~~
25 ~~committee shall be inclusive and shall reflect the racial,~~

1 ~~gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the~~
2 ~~state.~~

3 The Alabama Ahead Oversight Committee shall approve
4 the implementation of this act.

5 Section 6. All funds not expended in the current
6 fiscal year shall not revert but shall be carried forward for
7 the purpose appropriated.

8 Section 7. This act shall become effective
9 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
10 upon its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 23-FEB-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	<hr/> 03-MAR-16 <hr/>	Amended and Passed
House	<hr/> 08-MAR-16 <hr/>	Concurred in Sen- ate Amendment