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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill makes a supplemental appropriation
9 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and
10 Technology Fund to the Department of Education in
11 the amount of \$12,014,402 for the fiscal year
12 ending September 30, 2016 for the purpose of
13 implementing high quality standards-based broadband
14 Wi-Fi infrastructure in every classroom in every
15 public school.

16 In addition, this bill would require the
17 Department to establish an advisory committee to
18 assist in the implementation of the Wi-Fi
19 infrastructure.

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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT

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25 To make a supplemental appropriation from the
26 Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund to the
27 Department of Education in the amount of \$12,014,402 for the

1 fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; and to require the
2 Department to establish an advisory committee to assist in the
3 implementation of the Wi-Fi infrastructure.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations
6 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated
7 \$12,014,402 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and
8 Technology Fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal
9 year ending September 30, 2016. This appropriation shall be
10 expended to: (1) provide funds to complete the goal of
11 providing wireless networks in all public schools or (2)
12 provide E-Rate matching funds to local school systems that
13 apply to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) E-Rate
14 program for funds to accomplish the goal of providing wireless
15 networks in all public schools or (3) provide funds to
16 implement the local school system's state-approved technology
17 plan for any local school system with wireless networks in
18 place that meet required standards.

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

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

26 (2) Any system participating in this program that
27 does not have wireless networks in place that meet the

1 standards established herein, and which is unable to meet
2 these standards using their allotted funds alone must apply
3 for E-Rate funds if such funds are available and if they meet
4 all other applicable conditions of the E-Rate program.

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

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

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

22	Alabaster City	\$99,643
23	Albertville City	83,806
24	Alexander City	50,191
25	Andalusia City	27,711

1	Anniston City	31,937
2	Arab City	40,587
3	Athens City	63,742
4	Attalla City	26,938
5	Auburn City	135,477
6	Autauga County	157,185
7	Baldwin County	497,161
8	Barbour County	14,077
9	Bessemer City	60,980
10	Bibb County	53,661
11	Birmingham City	394,854
12	Blount County	129,425
13	Boaz City	36,755
14	Brewton City	18,846
15	Bullock County	24,257
16	Butler County	49,369
17	Calhoun County	146,874
18	Chambers County	59,302
19	Cherokee County	64,910
20	Chickasaw City	16,511
21	Chilton County	125,594
22	Choctaw County	24,290

1	Clarke County	44,271
2	Clay County	32,348
3	Cleburne County	42,462
4	Coffee County	33,450
5	Colbert County	41,278
6	Conecuh County	23,402
7	Coosa County	16,314
8	Covington County	51,375
9	Crenshaw County	35,950
10	Cullman City	51,244
11	Cullman County	156,297
12	Dale County	50,635
13	Daleville City	17,728
14	Dallas County	52,510
15	Decatur City	138,602
16	DeKalb County	145,460
17	Demopolis City	37,068
18	Dothan City	152,646
19	Elba City	9,966
20	Elmore County	180,982
21	Enterprise City	111,911
22	Escambia County	73,363

1	Etowah County	143,503
2	Eufaula City	44,255
3	Fairfield City	29,289
4	Fayette County	38,088
5	Florence City	73,560
6	Fort Payne City	51,326
7	Franklin County	53,957
8	Gadsden City	83,312
9	Geneva City	20,968
10	Geneva County	44,008
11	Greene County	18,698
12	Guntersville City	32,217
13	Hale County	42,791
14	Haleyville City	27,678
15	Hartselle City	49,238
16	Henry County	41,179
17	Homewood City	65,913
18	Hoover City	227,687
19	Houston County	103,639
20	Huntsville City	374,363
21	Jackson County	89,743
22	Jacksonville City	24,685

1	Jasper City	44,255
2	Jefferson County	591,837
3	Lamar County	37,315
4	Lanett City	13,896
5	Lauderdale County	134,803
6	Lawrence County	77,507
7	Lee County	160,392
8	Leeds City	30,227
9	Limestone County	142,927
10	Linden City	8,223
11	Lowndes County	25,474
12	Macon County	34,206
13	Madison City	162,069
14	Madison County	310,999
15	Marengo County	17,301
16	Marion County	55,701
17	Marshall County	90,137
18	Midfield City	18,567
19	Mobile County	924,889
20	Monroe County	57,970
21	Montgomery County	497,309
22	Morgan County	125,857

1	Mountain Brook City	71,883
2	Muscle Shoals City	47,297
3	Oneonta City	24,290
4	Opelika City	69,597
5	Opp City	21,412
6	Oxford City	67,952
7	Ozark City	34,470
8	Pelham City	49,895
9	Pell City	65,995
10	Perry County	24,257
11	Phenix City	112,865
12	Pickens County	43,301
13	Piedmont City	19,850
14	Pike County	35,111
15	Pike Road City	18,172
16	Randolph County	35,802
17	Roanoke City	24,306
18	Russell County	59,072
19	Russellville City	44,452
20	Saraland City	48,432
21	Satsuma City	21,511
22	Scottsboro City	41,706

1	Selma City	58,266
2	Sheffield City	16,741
3	Shelby County	329,546
4	St. Clair County	146,068
5	Sumter County	26,198
6	Sylacauga City	36,443
7	Talladega City	33,434
8	Talladega County	126,860
9	Tallapoosa County	47,017
10	Tallassee City	29,996
11	Tarrant City	18,962
12	Thomasville City	21,560
13	Troy City	32,085
14	Trussville City	73,281
15	Tuscaloosa City	164,865
16	Tuscaloosa County	296,922
17	Tuscumbia City	24,948
18	Vestavia Hills City	114,296
19	Walker County	124,146
20	Washington County	48,284
21	Wilcox County	27,826
22	Winfield City	20,442

1 Winston County 39,288

2 \$12,014,402

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

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

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

1 for these E-Rate applications once approved, then the funds
2 allotted herein may be used for the local match required by
3 E-Rate to the extent that the amount of funds used for the
4 match are in proportion to the cost of the wireless equipment
5 contained in the E-Rate application. Any remaining funds may
6 be used as matching funds for additional E-Rate applications
7 to meet the standards described in the WIRED Plan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 committee shall be inclusive and shall reflect the racial,
2 gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the
3 state.

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

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