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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 public institutions of
11 higher education in the amount of \$15,089,140 and
12 to the Department of Education in the amount of
13 \$41,297,782 for the fiscal year ending September
14 30, 2017.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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21 Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund to the
22 public institutions of higher education in the amount of
23 \$15,089,140 and to the Department of Education in the amount
24 of \$41,297,782 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.
25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations
27 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a

1 total of \$15,089,140 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement
2 and Technology Fund to the public institutions of higher edu-
3 cation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. This
4 appropriation shall be expended for equipment and/or deferred
5 maintenance. This appropriation shall be distributed as fol-
6 lows:

7	Alabama Community College System	\$3,344,155
8	Alabama A&M University	424,492
9	Alabama State University	481,776
10	University of Alabama	1,646,524
11	University of Alabama Birmingham	2,915,536
12	University of Alabama Huntsville	499,100
13	Athens State University	137,465
14	Auburn University	2,551,790
15	Auburn University Montgomery	257,872
16	Jacksonville State University	411,478
17	University of Montevallo	210,797
18	University of North Alabama	306,406
19	University of South Alabama	1,174,791
20	Troy University	552,862
21	University of West Alabama	174,096
22	Total	\$15,089,140

1 Section 2. In addition to all other appropriations
2 heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a
3 total of \$41,297,782 from the Education Trust Fund Advancement
4 and Technology Fund to the Department of Education for the
5 fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. This appropriation
6 shall be expended to: (1) provide funds to complete the goal
7 of providing wireless networks in all public schools or (2)
8 provide E-Rate matching funds to local school systems that
9 apply to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) E-Rate
10 program for funds to accomplish the goal of providing wireless
11 networks in all public schools or (3) provide funds to
12 implement the local school system's state-approved technology
13 plan for any local school system with wireless networks in
14 place that meet required standards.

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

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

22 (2) Any system participating in this program that
23 does not have wireless networks in place that meet the
24 standards established herein, and which is unable to meet
25 these standards using their allotted funds alone must apply

1 for E-Rate funds if such funds are available and if they meet
2 all other applicable conditions of the E-Rate program.

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

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

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

19	Alabaster City	\$339,881
20	Albertville City	299,746
21	Alexander City	168,177
22	Andalusia City	94,249
23	Anniston City	110,378
24	Arab City	141,037

1	Athens City	287,313
2	Attalla City	95,293
3	Auburn City	478,257
4	Autauga County	520,954
5	Baldwin County	1,719,465
6	Barbour County	44,140
7	Bessemer City	203,387
8	Bibb County	184,074
9	Birmingham City	1,325,281
10	Blount County	438,378
11	Boaz City	130,126
12	Brewton City	61,948
13	Bullock County	80,203
14	Butler County	167,139
15	Calhoun County	489,887
16	Chambers County	198,349
17	Cherokee County	220,573
18	Chickasaw City	57,664
19	Chilton County	429,048
20	Choctaw County	77,739
21	Clarke County	148,631
22	Clay County	107,838

1	Cleburne County	143,768
2	Coffee County	123,592
3	Colbert County	140,288
4	Conecuh County	97,085
5	Coosa County	54,249
6	Covington County	172,072
7	Crenshaw County	124,900
8	Cullman City	173,819
9	Cullman County	535,530
10	Dale County	191,255
11	Daleville City	56,455
12	Dallas County	179,448
13	Decatur City	479,882
14	DeKalb County	496,233
15	Demopolis City	127,015
16	Dothan City	521,871
17	Elba City	33,382
18	Elmore County	648,897
19	Enterprise City	391,669
20	Escambia County	248,784
21	Etowah County	488,684
22	Eufaula City	213,465

1	Fairfield City	97,647
2	Fayette County	129,189
3	Florence City	248,748
4	Fort Payne City	176,604
5	Franklin County	196,858
6	Gadsden City	286,672
7	Geneva City	71,632
8	Geneva County	149,936
9	Greene County	63,183
10	Guntersville City	108,662
11	Hale County	142,111
12	Haleyville City	95,434
13	Hartselle City	175,032
14	Henry County	140,407
15	Homewood City	230,952
16	Hoover City	780,390
17	Houston County	352,580
18	Huntsville City	1,296,847
19	Jackson County	300,556
20	Jacksonville City	86,486
21	Jasper City	150,125
22	Jefferson County	2,030,616

1	Lamar County	128,129
2	Lanett City	47,755
3	Lauderdale County	458,179
4	Lawrence County	266,088
5	Lee County	539,890
6	Leeds City	105,863
7	Limestone County	512,468
8	Linden City	26,350
9	Lowndes County	88,084
10	Macon County	114,178
11	Madison City	578,255
12	Madison County	1,058,402
13	Marengo County	56,879
14	Marion County	188,285
15	Marshall County	308,364
16	Midfield City	60,345
17	Mobile County	3,149,490
18	Monroe County	191,821
19	Montgomery County	1,703,148
20	Morgan County	426,063
21	Mountain Brook City	244,340
22	Muscle Shoals City	159,854

1	Oneonta City	84,149
2	Opelika City	252,500
3	Opp City	72,423
4	Oxford City	231,154
5	Ozark City	116,774
6	Pelham City	178,801
7	Pell City	224,752
8	Perry County	79,198
9	Phenix City	386,854
10	Pickens County	146,642
11	Piedmont City	67,323
12	Pike County	116,144
13	Pike Road City	77,921
14	Randolph County	122,138
15	Roanoke City	82,388
16	Russell County	191,025
17	Russellville City	137,909
18	Saraland City	170,779
19	Satsuma City	79,556
20	Scottsboro City	142,103
21	Selma City	189,123
22	Sheffield City	57,872

1	Shelby County	1,143,105
2	St. Clair County	503,394
3	Sumter County	88,188
4	Sylacauga City	125,839
5	Talladega City	113,379
6	Talladega County	426,170
7	Tallapoosa County	161,601
8	Tallassee City	101,990
9	Tarrant City	63,503
10	Thomasville City	68,510
11	Troy City	106,502
12	Trussville City	254,871
13	Tuscaloosa City	562,023
14	Tuscaloosa County	1,024,680
15	Tuscumbia City	84,571
16	Vestavia Hills City	399,429
17	Walker County	420,407
18	Washington County	158,223
19	Wilcox County	94,562
20	Winfield City	70,153
21	Winston County	134,759
22	Total	\$41,297,782

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

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

19 (2) For school systems that have not met the
20 standards established herein and which have pending Category 2
21 E-Rate applications which will either advance or complete the
22 wireless networks according to the standards established
23 herein. If systems were not able to provide the local match
24 for these E-Rate applications once approved, then the funds
25 allotted herein may be used for the local match required by

1 E-Rate to the extent that the amount of funds used for the
2 match are in proportion to the cost of the wireless equipment
3 contained in the E-Rate application. Any remaining funds may
4 be used as matching funds for additional E-Rate applications
5 to meet the standards described in the WIRED Plan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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