

1 SB30  
2 114877-1  
3 By Senator Sanford  
4 RFD: Economic Expansion and Trade  
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SYNOPSIS:           This bill would provide that if the Education Trust Fund or the General Fund, or both, are placed in proration, the legislative expense allowance paid to members and the presiding officers of the Legislature would be reduced by the percentage of proration declared.

                  This bill would provide that if the Education Trust Fund or the General Fund, or both, are placed in proration, the appropriations made by the Legislature to the State Executive Commission on Community Services Grants would be reduced by the percentage of proration declared.

                  The bill would provide that if both funds are placed in proration, the reduction percentage amount would be the higher amount declared.

                  The bill would provide that the reduction would continue for the duration of the proration period, that the reduction amount would be adjusted as the proration percentage is adjusted, and that

1           these requirements would be implemented by the  
2           state Comptroller.

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4                   A BILL  
5                   TO BE ENTITLED  
6                   AN ACT

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8           Relating to legislative per diem and expenses;  
9   providing that if the Education Trust Fund or the General  
10   Fund, or both, are placed on proration, the legislative  
11   expense allowance paid to members and the presiding officers  
12   of the Legislature and the appropriations made by the  
13   Legislature to the State Executive Commission on Community  
14   Services Grants would be reduced by the percentage of  
15   proration declared.

16   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17           Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section,  
18   "legislative expense allowance" as paid to members and the  
19   presiding officers of the Legislature means the per diem  
20   amounts paid during each week the Legislature actually meets  
21   during each regular session, special session, or  
22   organizational session; the per diem amounts paid for  
23   attendance of a duly authorized interim committee or  
24   subcommittee thereof; the per diem amount for performance of  
25   duties outside the state; the monthly expense allowance; and  
26   the additional expense allowance paid to the presiding  
27   officers as each of these amounts is specified in Act 87-209,

1 H.J.R. 287 of the 1987 Regular Session (Acts of 1987, p. 298),  
2 as amended by Act 91-108, H.J.R. 7 of the 1991 Regular Session  
3 (Acts of 1991, p. 129), and as amended by Act 2007-75, HJR29  
4 (Acts of 2007, p. 106). Additionally, the term means the per  
5 diem amount paid to members for attendance of certain interim  
6 committees or subcommittees pursuant to Joint Rule 20 or any  
7 successor rule; the amount of per diem paid pursuant to  
8 Section 36-7-20 of the Code of Alabama 1975, for certain  
9 travel in the service of the state; the expense allowance  
10 provided the presiding officers under Act 1196 of 1971 (Acts  
11 of 1971, p. 206) and additional amounts paid for service as  
12 chair of certain committees as provided in Act 90-490, H.J.R.  
13 488 of the 1990 Regular Session (Acts of 1990, p. 721).

14 (b) If the Education Trust Fund or the General Fund  
15 is placed in proration, the legislative expense allowance paid  
16 to members and the presiding officers of the Legislature shall  
17 be reduced by the percentage of proration declared. If both  
18 funds are in proration, the reduction percentage amount shall  
19 be the higher amount declared. Such reduction in legislative  
20 expense allowances shall continue for the same duration as the  
21 period of proration and shall be adjusted at the same rate as  
22 the rate of proration may be adjusted. The state Comptroller  
23 shall implement the requirements of this section.

24 (c) If the Education Trust Fund or the General Fund  
25 is placed in proration, the appropriations made by the  
26 Legislature to the State Executive Commission on Community  
27 Services Grants pursuant to Section 41-24A-1, Code of Alabama

1 1975, shall be the higher amount declared. The reduction in  
2 legislative expense allowances shall continue for the same  
3 duration as the period of proration and shall be adjusted at  
4 the same rate as the rate of proration may be adjusted. The  
5 state Comptroller shall implement the requirements of this  
6 section.

7           Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.