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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the Department of
9 Education to match dollar for dollar, not to exceed
10 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), on the
11 net income earned in the commercial market by an
12 active or retired educator who is or was employed
13 by a local school system within this state from the
14 sale of an eligible published book authored by the
15 educator.

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21 Relating to education; to require the Department of
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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. (a) The Department of Education shall
3 match dollar for dollar, not to exceed five hundred thousand
4 dollars (\$500,000), on the net income earned in the commercial
5 market by an active or retired educator who is or was employed
6 by a local school system within this state from the sale of an
7 eligible published book authored by the educator if:

8 (1) The book was written by an educator or if it is
9 written by more than one author, at least 90 percent of the
10 material in the book is written by the educator.

11 (2) Ninety percent or more of the book consists of
12 new material that has not been previously published.

13 (3) The ratio of the amount of text to pictures is
14 at least 65 percent except in the case of books relating to
15 grades kindergarten through six.

16 (4) Contains at least 20 printed pages in length and
17 is bound as a paperback, or a hardback, or if it is published
18 after January 1, 2016, as a digital or electronic version of
19 the book.

20 (b) The Department of Education may adopt rules
21 regarding the implementation and administration of this
22 section.

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.