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3 By Senators Orr and Melson
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide for the
9 distribution of any payments allocated to the state
10 for economic damages from the Deepwater Horizon Oil
11 Spill Disaster Settlement to relieve certain debt
12 of the state. Subsequently, any remaining funds
13 would be deposited into a trust fund designated to
14 hold such funds or the State General Fund.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Providing for the distribution of any payments
21 allocated to the state for economic damages from the Deepwater
22 Horizon Oil Spill Disaster Settlement.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. For the benefit of the State of Alabama,
25 any payment allocated to the state pursuant to any settlement
26 of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Disaster Settlement
27 associated with the oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico

1 on April 20, 2010, that is not otherwise dedicated under
2 federal law, settlement agreement, or court order, shall be
3 used for the payment and/or repayment of the following debts
4 of the state: (1) the Alabama Trust Fund Rainy Day Account for
5 any unpaid amounts owed from the transfer to the State General
6 Fund in fiscal year 2010 pursuant to Amendment 803 of the
7 Constitution of Alabama of 1901; (2) the Alabama Trust Fund
8 for any unpaid amounts owed from the transfer to the State
9 General Fund over fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015 pursuant to
10 Amendment 856 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; (3) the
11 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any outstanding
12 payments owed by the state. These repayments are to be based
13 upon a payment schedule established by the Director of
14 Finance, as set out in Section 2. Subsequently, any funds
15 remaining after such payments and/or repayments shall be
16 deposited into a trust fund designated to hold such funds. If
17 no such fund has been established, any remaining funds shall
18 be deposited in the State General Fund.

19 Section 2. The Director of Finance shall have the
20 authority to determine the payment schedule of any such debts
21 referenced in Section 1 of this bill. The Director shall
22 prioritize the payments based upon total amounts of funds
23 received, the immediacy of any repayments, and the amounts
24 owed. The Director of Finance may also include his payment
25 schedule a payment to the State General Fund if the Director
26 determines it is needed and practicable.

1 Section 3. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.