

SB181 INTRODUCED



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3 By Senator Coleman
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Administrative Office of
6 Courts may direct state appropriated funds to pay for
7 the judicial education of any justice, judge, or
8 court-supportive personnel.

9 This bill would allow the Administrative Office
10 of Courts to create a nonprofit entity to collect and
11 use nonpublic funds for judicial education.

12 This bill would allow the Administrative Office
13 of Courts to hold nonpublic funds in accounts outside
14 the State Treasury which would be audited or reviewed
15 annually.

16 This bill would allow the Administrative Office
17 of Courts and other state entities to transfer state
18 funds to the nonprofit entity for judicial education
19 purposes and would allow the nonprofit entity to be
20 housed at the Administrative Office of Courts and
21 staffed by the employees of the Administrative Office
22 of Courts.

23 This bill would be remedial and curative.

24 This bill would also make nonsubstantive,
25 technical revisions to update the existing code
language to current style.

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A BILL



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29 TO BE ENTITLED
30 AN ACT

32 Relating to the Administrative Office of Courts; to
33 amend Section 12-5-11, Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize the
34 Administrative Office of Courts to form and use a nonprofit
35 entity for judicial education expenses; to authorize the
36 entity to maintain accounts outside the State Treasury which
37 would be audited or reviewed annually; to authorize the
38 Administrative Office of Courts and other state agencies to
39 transfer funds to the entity to support judicial education; to
40 provide that this act is remedial and curative; and to make
41 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing
42 code language to current style.

43 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

44 Section 1. Section 12-5-11, Code of Alabama 1975, is
45 amended to read as follows:

46 "§12-5-11

47 In connection with the continuing judicial education of
48 justices, judges, and court-supportive personnel, the
49 Administrative Office of Courts and the Administrative
50 Director of Courts ~~is authorized to~~ may:

51 (1) ~~direct~~Direct the expenditure of funds appropriated
52 to the account of the National College of State Trial Judges
53 or any college of judges by whatever name the account appears 1
54 or to any accounts ~~or judicial education~~ for the judicial
55 education of any justice, judge 1 or court-supportive
56 personnel;



57 (2) and may direct Direct that the actual and
58 reasonable expenses incurred by a justice, judge, or
59 court-supportive personnel attending the National College of
60 State Judiciary or any other college, institute, conference,
61 seminar—, or organization be paid;

62 (3)a. Create and use a nonprofit entity as defined by
63 26 U.S.C § 501(c)(3) to develop, implement, manage, and fund
64 judicial educational plans, conferences, and programs. The
65 entity may collect nonpublic funds to support this purpose.

66 b. An entity created under paragraph a. may hold
67 nonpublic funds in an account or accounts maintained outside
68 of the State Treasury, provided the account or accounts are
69 audited or reviewed annually by a certified, independent
70 accounting entity;

71 (4) Transfer state funds to the nonprofit to support
72 judicial education purposes; and

73 (5) House the entity created under paragraph (3)a. at
74 the Administrative Office of Courts and staff the entity with
75 employees of the Administrative Office of Courts."

76 Section 2. The provisions of this act are remedial and
77 curative and any actions taken by the Administrative Office of
78 Courts in conformance with this act are ratified and
79 confirmed.

80 Section 3. This act shall become effective on May 1,
81 2026.