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3 By Senators Singleton, Hatcher, Figures, Coleman,
4 Coleman-Madison, Stewart, Orr
5 RFD: Judiciary
6 First Read: 29-Jan-26



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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to government ethics; to add Section 36-25-1.4 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the ethics laws do not limit certain research and development activities conducted by public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-25-1.4 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§36-25-1.4

Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to limit or restrict the ability of public institutions of higher education, along with the public officials and public employees within the institutions, to:

(1) Accept and award grants and contracts, conduct research, collaborate with persons both within and outside the institution, enter into technology transfer agreements, and otherwise commercialize, protect, and share intellectual property by agreement in accordance with institution policy; and

(2) Establish one or more entities organized under Title 10A to promote innovation and commercialization



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29 consistent with the institution's mission.

30 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,

31 2026.

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34 Senate

35 Read for the first time and referred29-Jan-26
36 to the Senate committee on Judiciary
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38 Read for the second time and placed25-Feb-26
39 on the calendar:
40 0 amendments
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42 Read for the third time and passed10-Mar-26
43 as amended
44 Yeas 35
45 Nays 0
46 Abstains 0

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49 Patrick Harris,
50 Secretary.
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