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SYNOPSIS:

This bill makes supplemental appropriations from the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To make supplemental appropriations from the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. In addition to all other appropriations heretofore or hereafter made, there is hereby appropriated a total of up to \$203,404,327 in federal funds from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025 (P.L. 119-21) for the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs ("ADECA") for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

(1) To the Collaborative EHR, IT, and Cybersecurity Initiative, up to \$31,425,971.



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(2) To the Rural Health Initiative, up to \$55,936,190.

(3) To the Maternal and Fetal Health Initiative, up to \$6,102,130.

(4) To the Rural Workforce Initiative, up to \$57,919,382.

(5) To the Cancer Digital Regionalization Initiative, up to \$8,136,173.

(6) To the Simulation Training Initiative, up to \$1,017,021.

(7) To the Statewide EMS Trauma and Stroke Initiative, up to \$4,068,085.

(8) To the EMS Treat-In-Place Initiative, up to \$5,085,108.

(9) To the Mental Health Initiative, up to \$7,271,705.

(10) To the Rural Health Practice Initiative, up to \$6,102,130.

(11) Up to \$20,340,432 of funds may be used to reimburse costs for the administration, auditing, and reporting requirements of the Rural Health Transformation Program funds.

Section 2. All funds appropriated herein and not expended in the current fiscal year shall not revert but be carried forward for the purpose appropriated.

Section 3. (a) Any amount of the funds appropriated in this act remaining unexpended on September 30, 2026, shall be reappropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026.

(b) In the event that any of the appropriations to any



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of the initiatives listed above needs to be adjusted or exceeded for the utilization of available funds, the Director of ADECA shall obtain written concurrence of a majority of the Finance Director, the Chair of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee of the Legislature for such reallocation prior to seeking the approval referenced in Section (c) below.

(c) Following receipt of the above concurrence, the Director of ADECA shall seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") for the above reallocation. In the event such approval is modified or withheld by CMS, ADECA shall continue to administer the appropriation in accordance with CMS requirements.

Section 4. Nothing in this act is intended nor shall be construed to require any expenditure of federal funds in violation of any federal law, regulation, rule, policy, or procedure, or of any term or condition applicable to the administration of federal funds by ADECA in connection with the Rural Health Transformation Program, nor shall anything herein be construed to prohibit the expenditure of federal funds by ADECA in accordance with the purposes for which and the terms and conditions upon which such funds were made available.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming law.