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

30 (3) To the Maternal and Fetal Health Initiative, up to
31 \$6,102,130.

32 (4) To the Rural Workforce Initiative, up to
33 \$57,919,382.

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

36 (6) To the Simulation Training Initiative, up to
37 \$1,017,021.

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

40 (8) To the EMS Treat-In-Place Initiative, up to
41 \$5,085,108.

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

43 (10) To the Rural Health Practice Initiative, up to
44 \$6,102,130.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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