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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to weatherization assistance; to amend Sections 41-23-100 and 41-23-101, Code of Alabama 1975; to revise the threshold household income to qualify for weatherization assistance under the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund; to expand sources of monies that may be deposited in the fund; and to authorize the Department of Economic and Community Affairs to contract with certain nonprofit corporations to implement the weatherization assistance program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 41-23-100 and 41-23-101, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§41-23-100

(a) The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund is established in the State Treasury to provide eligible recipients weatherization assistance.

(b) The monies in the fund shall consist of any of the following:

~~(1) Contributions from taxpayers received by the Department of Revenue and transferred to the fund.~~



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29 ~~(2)~~(1) Appropriations ~~from~~ made by and at the
30 discretion of the Legislature.

31 ~~(3)~~(2) Other revenue sources made by and at the
32 discretion of the Legislature.

33 (3) ~~Donations from private sources~~Proceeds from any
34 gifts, grants, or contributions.

35 (4) Interest earned on principal remaining in the fund.

36 (5) Any other lawful sources.

37 (c) The monies in the fund shall not revert to the
38 General Fund at the end of the fiscal year."

39 "§41-23-101

40 (a) Eligible recipients of assistance are individuals
41 who have a household income at or below ~~125~~200 percent of the
42 poverty level or individuals who are 60 years of age or older
43 or handicapped and families with children under 18 years of
44 age as determined by the United States Office of Management
45 and Budget and reported in the federal register.

46 (b) ~~Beginning July 1, 1996, the~~The Director of the
47 Department of Economic and Community Affairs ~~shall provide~~
48 ~~assistance funds to designated community action agencies and~~
49 ~~county governments currently providing~~ may contract with
50 statewide resiliency organizations to provide energy
51 assistance to ~~people~~individuals who are eligible to receive
52 assistance under this article. ~~Disbursement of assistance~~
53 ~~funds shall be coordinated with all other state and federal~~
54 ~~home weatherization assistance programs administered by the~~
55 ~~Department of Economic and Community Affairs.~~

56 (c) An amount of not more than 10 percent of the fund



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57 monies may be used for administrative costs in providing
58 services specified under this article.

59 (d) On or before October 15 of each year, the director
60 shall submit a report to the appropriate legislative
61 committees. The report shall include a summary of the total
62 monies collected and distributed under this article and ~~such~~
63 other information as the legislative committees may request.

64 (e) For purposes of this section, "statewide resiliency
65 organization" means an Alabama nonprofit corporation in the
66 state that:

67 (1) Is exempt from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. §
68 501(c)(3);

69 (2) Is charged with improving the resiliency, energy
70 efficiency, and safety of the state's residential housing
71 stock for low and moderate income communities.

72 (3) Has adopted a conflict of interest policy
73 consistent with the sample policy provided by the Internal
74 Revenue Service and requires its directors to serve without
75 compensation;

76 (4) Participates in large-scale residential energy
77 efficiency programs within the state; and

78 (5) Possesses the capacity to leverage private,
79 federal, and state funds to maximize the impact of the
80 assistance provided under this section."

81 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
82 2026.



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