



EDAA LEGISLATIVE REPORT – WEEK 12

Senate Passes Education Budget

The Senate unanimously passed a \$6.6 billion education budget on Thursday, representing the largest such budget in ten years and the second-largest ever. Governor Ivey has indicated that she will sign the bill.

- Top-line increase of \$216 million
- K-12 schools funding increased by \$146 million (3%)
- University funding increased by \$42 million (4%)
- Community college funding increased by \$18 million (5%)
- First Class pre-K program funding increased by 24% to \$96 million
- 2.5% pay raise for K-12 and community college educators

Economic Development Bill Passes

Despite an aggressive misinformation campaign advanced for political purposes, HB317 was approved by both the House and Senate this week.

The bill provides for additional accountability and transparency in the State's economic development statutes. The bill also clarifies that certain economic development professionals are not lobbyists as defined in Alabama's Ethics Law. The bill was strongly supported by the State Department of Commerce and local economic developers.

The bill was necessary because of a concern by some lawyers that economic developers who are pursuing state incentives may technically fit the definition of "lobbyists" under current law. This is problematic because lobbyists must disclose their clients. Economic development projects are often confidential and a requirement to disclose clients would likely result in Alabama losing out on the opportunity to recruit those projects.

School Security Funding Passes

A bill allowing public schools to access increased funding for security measures passed the Legislature this week. The bill provides for schools to use money from the Advancement and Technology Fund to pay for school resource officers or other security measures, such as improving entryway safety and surveillance cameras. Governor Ivey amended the bill to allow schools and colleges the ability to use money from the Budget Stabilization Fund toward emergency repairs in the wake of natural disasters; the money would have to be repaid when the school/college receives insurance settlements.

Racial Profiling Bill Fails to Advance

A bill aimed at preventing racial profiling in traffic stops failed to advance in the House this week after previously passing the Senate without objection. The bill would have prohibited law enforcement officers from using race as the sole factor for traffic stops and other detainments and would have required police departments to document several elements of each traffic stop.

Looking Back at the 2018 Regular Session

Here is the link to an article published by the Alabama Daily News looking back at the session: <http://www.aldailynews.com/look-passed-failed-alabama-legislature/>

Legislative Tracking Report

AL - HB97 Transportation network companies, Public Service Commission permit required to operate, minimum requirements imposed

Last Action: Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Commerce and Small Business (January 9, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Faulkner \(R\)](#)

AL - HB173 Ad valorem taxes, co. commission authorized to abate taxes for Class III property taxed at current use when converted to other taxable use for projects under Ala. Jobs Act, consent of municipality if in corporate limits, Sec. 40-7-25.4 added

Last Action: Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Economic Development and Tourism (January 11, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Danny Crawford \(R\)](#)

AL - HB190 Transportation network companies, Public Service Commission permit required to operate, minimum requirements imposed

Last Action: Clerk of the House Certification (February 15, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative David Faulkner \(R\)](#)

Amendments:

[190833-1](#)

AL - HB317 Economic Development, notification and confidentiality provisions revised for certain economic incentives, State Industrial Development Authority, bonds for industrial development and site preparation, auth., Alabama Jobs Enhancement Act, Secs. 41-29-501 to 41-29-507, inclusive, added; Sec. 41-29-3 am'd.

Last Action: Clerk of the House Certification (March 29, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Ken Johnson \(R\)](#)

Amendments:

[193730-2](#)

[194050-1](#)

[**AL - HB430** Commerce, recapture benefit extended to call centers that relocate out of state](#)

Last Action: Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment (March 8, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Phil Williams \(R\)](#)

[**AL - HB494** Taxation, tax abatements, authorized for data processing centers, extended for five years, Sec. 40-9B-4.1 amd.](#)

Last Action: Clerk of the House Certification (March 22, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Representative Nathaniel Ledbetter \(R\)](#)

[**AL - SB65** Transportation network companies, Public Service Commission permit required to operate, minimum requirements imposed](#)

Last Action: Read for the first time and referred to the Senate committee on Transportation and Energy (January 9, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Bobby D. Singleton \(D\)](#)

[**AL - SB98** Ad valorem taxes, co. commission authorized to abate taxes for Class III property taxed at current use when converted to other taxable use for projects under Ala. Jobs Act, consent of municipality if in corporate limits, Sec. 40-7-25.4 added](#)

Last Action: Enrolled (January 30, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Arthur Orr \(R\)](#)

[**AL - SB143** Transportation network companies, Public Service Commission permit required to operate, minimum requirements imposed](#)

Last Action: Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment (February 1, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Bobby D. Singleton \(D\)](#)

[**AL - SB187** Tax credits, exemptions, deductions, enacted in 2019 Reg. Sess., or thereafter, expiration within seven years from effective date, const. amend.](#)

Last Action: Read for the first time and referred to the Senate committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development (January 16, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Bill Hightower \(R\)](#)

[**AL - SB356** Taxation, businesses, income tax credit to a business that loses an employee to another business receiving any economic tax incentive from state government](#)

Last Action: Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment (March 8, 2018)

Primary Sponsor: [Senator Paul Sanford \(R\)](#)

[**AL - SB379** Taxation, tax abatements, authorized for data processing centers, extended for five years, Sec. 40-9B-4.1 amd.](#)

Last Action: Read for the second time and placed on the calendar (March 15, 2018)
Primary Sponsor: [Senator J. T. "Jabo" Waggoner \(R\)](#)