

Bills of Interest to Municipalities Introduced This Session

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House Introductions Day 1 of the Regular Session

Medical Marijuana - HB2 by Rep. Todd would authorize the medical use of marijuana only for certain qualifying patients who have been diagnosed by a physician as having a serious medical condition. *RFD: Health*

Child Abuse (Unfunded Mandate) - HB3 by Rep. Drake would require all persons to report suspected child abuse or neglect to a law enforcement official or the Department of Human Resources. Persons reporting suspected child abuse or neglect would be immune from criminal and civil liability for reports made in good faith. *RFD: Judiciary*

Alabama Trust Fund (Constitutional Amendment) – HB6 by Rep. Love would require the Legislature to repay all amounts transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund within ten (10) years following the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 and providing for an appropriation in fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 from the State General Fund of any amount not repaid. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Firearms (Constitutional Amendment) – HB8 by Rep. Jones would provide that every citizen has a fundamental right to bear arms and that any restriction on this right would be subject to strict scrutiny and provide that a citizen cannot be compelled by international treaty or law from taking actions that prohibit, limit, or otherwise interfere with the fundamental right to bear arms. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Homebrewing (Unfunded Mandate) – HB9 by Rep. McCutcheon – would allow adult persons to produce homebrewed beer, mead, cider, and wine in limited amounts for personal use; would prohibit a person convicted of a felony from homebrewing; and would provide for a Class C misdemeanor punishment for violations of this act. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Firearms Exemption – HB12 by Rep. Ford would prohibit a business entity, property owner or legal possessor, or public or private employer from establishing policies against persons transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition when the person is otherwise in compliance with all other applicable laws under certain conditions. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

DUI (Unfunded Mandate) – HB13 by Rep. Mask would provide that a person commits criminally negligent homicide if the criminally negligent homicide is caused by the operator of any vehicle while unlawfully driving or operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs. *RFD: Judiciary*

Escapee Notification – HB14 by Rep. Beckman would require the notification of other state and local agencies and the news media when an inmate escapes. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Homestead Exemptions (Unfunded Mandate) – HB19 by Rep. Williams, J. would amend the existing code provisions providing for the homestead exemption provisions as amended by Act 2012-313 to restore the provisions in the exact same form as they existed prior to Act 2012-313 with two exceptions: the net federal income tax limitation for persons age 65 or over would continue to be \$12,000 and the Department of Revenue would be authorized to further provide for evidence of eligibility other than a tax return for the exemption. *RFD: County & Municipal Governments*

Workers' Compensation Reforms – HB28 by Rep. DeMarco would provide that neither medical nor indemnity benefits would be awarded to an employee or his or her estate if the employee's injury or death was a direct result of an impairment or intoxication caused by the employee's alcohol consumption or drug use and would further provide that once the injured worker has a positive alcohol or drug screen according to U. S. Department of Transportation Standards, the burden of proof would then be on the employee to demonstrate that the impairment from illegal drugs or the consumption of alcoholic beverages was not a direct cause of the accident. *RFD: Judiciary*

Workers' Compensation Retirement Contributions – HB32 by Rep. Wood would allow a member of the retirement system who is away from work because of a job related injury and is receiving workers' compensation benefits may be allowed to make contributions to the retirement system, together with regular interest to date of payment, on the basis of the amount he or she would have contributed had he or she been receiving compensation from his or her employer. *RFD: State Government*

Sales Tax Exemption – HB37 by Rep. Johnson, R would exempt food pantries which distribute food for charitable purposes from all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes under certain conditions. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Harassment (Unfunded Mandate) - HB38 by Rep. Johnson, R. would authorize a person convicted of the misdemeanor criminal offense of harassment pursuant to Section 13A-11-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to petition the court in which the charges were filed to have his or her records expunged under certain conditions. *RFD: Judiciary*

Firearm Transport – HB42 by Rep. Nordgren would authorize a person to transport a pistol to and from a shooting range without a pistol permit, provided that the pistol remains unloaded and secured in the trunk or other locked container under certain conditions within a motor vehicle during transport. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

New Hires Act - HB43 by Rep. Nordgren would provide a penalty for a violation of the New Hires Act resulting from a conspiracy between an employer and an employee. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Debt Setoff - HB46 by Rep. Clouse would allow each county or municipality within this state to setoff from income tax returns with respect to the collection of debts and money owed to either of them as a result of any administrative or judicial proceeding. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Tax Delinquent Surplus - HB47 by Rep. Clouse would provide that only a person or entity who has redeemed property sold at a tax sale may receive the excess paid by a tax sale purchaser and the excess funds be held in escrow in the county treasury for three years until proper application for payment of the escrow is made and the excess shall be paid into the county general fund for use by the county if not claimed within 10 years. *RFD: Financial Services*

Public Works Contracts - HB50 by Rep. Williams, J. would prohibit public agencies from entering into certain contracts; would prohibit certain terms in certain documents; would prohibit public agencies from making certain awards; would prohibit certain persons from placing certain terms in certain documents; and would provide for exemptions. *RFD: State Government*

Homestead Exemptions - HB52 by Rep. Beech would remove the income limitation for persons permanently and totally disabled to receive certain homestead exemptions and provide that the provisions of this act would be retroactive to August 1, 2012, the effective date of Act 2012-313. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Public School Safety (Unfunded Mandate) – HB53 by Rep. Morrow would authorize the formation of volunteer emergency security forces at public K-12 schools in the state consisting of current and retired school employees and local citizens; provide for the role of the sheriff and the chief of police in the training and supervision of emergency security forces; provide for implementation of the act by the State Department of Education and each local board of education and provide for indemnification. *RFD: Education Policy*

Pistol Carry Preemption (Unfunded Mandate) - HB55 by Rep. Greeson would provide that lawfully carrying a firearm under certain conditions does not, in and of itself, constitute the crime of disorderly conduct; authorize a person to carry a pistol in his or her vehicle without a concealed pistol permit; repeal a prohibition against carrying a concealed pistol on another's property; repeal a prohibition against carrying a pistol at any public demonstration. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Public School Flexibility Act – HB84 by Rep. Fincher would authorize the establishment of innovative schools and school systems in the State of Alabama; allow the State Board of Education to enter into a school flexibility contract with a local school system to allow for programmatic flexibility or budgetary flexibility, or both, from state laws, including State Board of Education rules, regulations, and policies in exchange for academic and associated goals for students that focus on college and career readiness; require the local board of education to submit a document of assurance that the local board shall provide consistency in leadership and a commitment to the standards, assessments, and academic rigor expected in Alabama; require the local school system to submit a proposed innovation plan recommended by the local superintendent of education and approved by the local board of education to the State Superintendent of Education in order to qualify for innovation status; authorize the State Board

of Education to promulgate any necessary rules and regulations as required for implementation. *RFD: Education Policy*

Commercial Trucking (Unfunded Mandate) - HB86 By Rep. Greer would include the requirement in state law that an operator of a commercial motor vehicle be in compliance with the Safety Fitness Procedures; Part 386, Rules of Practice for Motor Carrier, Broker, Freight Forwarding, and Hazardous Materials Proceedings of federal regulations. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Unemployment Compensation Assessment - HB90 by Rep. Williams, J. would delete the termination date of the six one-hundredths of one percent special assessment placed on wages paid to certain employees by employers for deposit into the Unemployment Compensation Fund and transferred to the Employment Security Enhancement Fund and change references to the Director of Industrial Relations to the Commissioner of Labor to reflect the merging of the departments. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

E911 Statewide System – HB92 by Rep. McCutcheon would create the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission in order to ensure effective communication services for law enforcement and public health and safety personnel in responding to a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other public emergency; provide for the membership of the commission and prescribe its powers and duties; create the First Responder Wireless Commission Fund for use by the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission to create, implement, and operate a statewide wireless communications system and otherwise carry out its duties. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Utility Attorney Fees - HB93 by Rep. Beckman would allow certain utility service providers to collect a reasonable attorney fee for the purpose of collecting debts owed. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Alabama Trust Fund (Constitutional Amendment) – HB94 by Rep. Love would enact The People's Trust Act, which would require the Legislature to repay all amounts transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund under Amendment 856 by not later than September 30, 2026, and would provide for the minimum cumulative amounts that must be repaid at the end of each fiscal year between the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Fair Ballot Commission - HB95 by Rep. McMillan would create The Alabama Informed Voter Act; creation a Fair Ballot Commission to approve statements that explain what a vote for or what a vote against a proposed ballot question represents; provide for membership and terms of the commission; require the commission's work to be posted on the Legislature's website. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

ALDOT Agreements - HB100 by Rep. Greer would authorize the Department of Transportation to enter into various types of construction agreements and financing agreements with other public and private entities for constructing a public improvement and require the

department to develop a process for evaluating and selecting public improvement projects under these provisions. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Red Tape Reduction Act – HB101 by Rep. Weaver would require an agency that proposes a rule which may have an adverse impact on a business under certain conditions to prepare and file a Business Economic Impact Statement prior to the adoption of the rule, with the Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review; require agencies to review all agency rules every five years. *RFD: State Government*

School Bus Trespassing (Unfunded Mandate) – HB105 by Rep. Baker would establish the crime of trespass on a school bus in the first degree. *RFD: Education Policy*

Davis-Bacon Wage Act – HB107 by Rep. Williams, J. would prohibit the state or any political subdivision thereof from using the Davis-Bacon wage provision in contracts. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Private Probation Services – HB114 by Rep. Hill would provide standards for contracts relating to private probation services and qualifications for private probation officers, including criminal history record checks; authorize the presiding judge of any circuit or district court, or the district judge in a county with only one district judge, to contract with private business entities to provide probation services for offenses other than violent felony offenses; authorize the court administrator of any municipal court to contract with private business entities to provide probation services for criminal convictions in its court; create the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council to review the uniform professional standards for private probation officers and uniform contract standards for private probation contracts and submit a report with its recommendations to the Legislature, to adopt rules relating to qualifications and training of private probation officers, to provide for registration of entities providing private probation services, and to produce an annual report related to private probation services; preclude business entities providing private probation services from specifying, either directly or indirectly, a particular alcohol or substance abuse program that a probationer mayor is required to attend, and would provide criminal penalties for violations; provide for the confidentiality of records generated by private probation officers, with access to these records granted to certain state agencies.

Railroad Easements - HB135 by Rep. Wallace would require railroads doing business in the state to provide, upon request by a governmental entity such as the state or a county, city, or other municipality an easement for the construction, repair, or maintenance of any road, bridge, or other transportation facility within the jurisdiction of the governmental entity. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Eminent Domain - HB136 by Rep. Wallace would allow certain unused property obtained through condemnation which is less than one acre to be sold without offering it to the former owner. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Weed Abatement (Class 6 Municipalities) - HB137 by Rep. Williams (D) would, under Article 4 of Chapter 67, Title 11, Code of Alabama 1975, authorize the city council of a Class 6

municipality to declare certain overgrown grass or weeds to be a public nuisance and abated pursuant to the procedures provided by ordinance. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Municipal Court (Athens) - HB138 by Rep. Williams (D) would allow a municipal judge or a municipal magistrate of the City of Athens in Limestone County may assess a defendant with a recall fee that shall be paid in order for a municipal judge or magistrate to recall a failure to appear or failure to comply warrant arising from any municipal ordinance violation or other offense brought against the defendant in the municipal court of the City of Athens. *RFD: Local Legislation*

MEETING CANCELLATION – HB139 by Rep. Williams (D) would authorize the presiding officer of a municipal council to cancel a meeting if the presiding officer receives written notice that a quorum will not be present. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Insurance Fraud – HB142 by Rep. Hill would amend Section 27-12A-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as enacted by Act 2012-429, providing the definition of insurance fraud, to delete certain language that is not applicable to the code section; amend Section 27-27-26, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2012-370, relating to investments by domestic insurers, to delete and clarify certain language to correct an error in an amendment. *RFD: Insurance*

Bail Bond Fees – HB143 by Rep. Hill would define multiple charges arising out of the same incident to be acts that took place on the same date and at the same location and proximate time; provide that the person executing a bond or the clerk of the court has 30 days from execution of the bond to collect the bail; would authorize the municipal court to assess a contempt fine of up to \$500 against a person who fails to pay the bail bond fee; repeal the expiration date of the bail bond fee. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Housing Authorities – HB144 by Rep. Tuggle would provide that the bonds would bear interest at a rate or rates payable at the time or times provided by the terms of the resolution or its trust indenture or mortgage; provide that the bonds would be sold by public or private sale as determined by the authority and any public sale of bonds would be conducted after notice has been published at least 10 days prior to the sale in a local newspaper under certain conditions and in a financial newspaper published in the City of New York, New York, or posted electronically on a website or other electronic or Internet service reasonably expected to be available to potential purchasers of the bonds. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Legislative Operations – HB147 by Rep. Wren would provide that the Joint Committee on Legislative Operations, a proposed successor committee to the Legislative Council, would be required to affirmatively approve a proposed rule prior to its becoming effective; provides that the committee may make use of the Chief of Legislative Operations and other personnel and agencies of the legislative department when considering proposed rules. A proposed rule change could be disapproved by the committee or, if not affirmatively approved, the proposed rule would be deemed disapproved; provides for an appeal process to the Lieutenant Governor upon the disapproval of a rule by the Joint Committee on Legislative Operations. If the Lieutenant Governor approves a rule, the Legislature may overrule the Lieutenant Governor's approval by joint resolution. *RFD: State Government*

Administrative Procedures Act – HB149 by Rep. Wren would provide that the Joint Committee on Legislative Operations, a proposed successor committee to the Legislative Council, would be required to affirmatively approve a proposed rule prior to its becoming effective; provides that the committee may make use of the Chief of Legislative Operations and other personnel and agencies of the legislative department when considering proposed rules. A proposed rule change could be disapproved by the committee or, if not affirmatively approved, the proposed rule would be deemed disapproved; provides for an appeal process to the Lieutenant Governor upon the disapproval of a rule by the Joint Committee on Legislative Operations. If the Lieutenant Governor approves a rule, the Legislature may overrule the Lieutenant Governor's approval by joint resolution. *RFD: State Government*

National Guard Distinctive License Tag – SB147 by Senator Whatley would exempt members of the Alabama National Guard from payment of ad valorem taxes for a distinctive license tag. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

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Controlled Substances – HB150 by Rep. McClendon would amend various sections of Article 10, Controlled Substances Prescription Database, of Chapter 2, Title 20 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to: Provide further for the membership of the Controlled Substances Prescription Database Advisory Committee; provide further for teleconferencing and video conferencing for the committee meetings; provide further for transmitting information on controlled substance prescriptions; provide further for access to the database and confidentiality of records in the database; and provide further for database funding. *RFD: Health*

Controlled Substances (Unfunded Mandate) – HB152 by Rep. Weaver would prohibit the practice of deceptively obtaining the same or a similar controlled substance from two or more medical practitioners in a concurrent time period and provide criminal penalties for violations. *RFD: Health*

Sales & Use Tax Distributions – HB154 by Rep. Clouse would amend Sections 40-23-35 and 40-23-77, Code of Alabama 1975, to change the distributions of the Sales Tax Discount and the Use Tax Discount. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Children First Trust Fund – HB157 by Rep. Clouse would make an appropriation of \$39,004,803 from the Children First Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to the entities and for the purposes designated in Section 41-15B-2.2, Code of Alabama 1975; provide for the deposit of tobacco settlement revenues into the Children First Trust Fund, would require the State Director of Finance to notify each agency in writing of the amount of each agency's anticipated allocation, would require quarterly allocation to each agency, and would condition allocations upon the receipt of tobacco funds; provide for the transfer to the State General Fund during fiscal year 2014 that portion of Children First Trust Fund receipts currently allocated for the State Board of Education; make an appropriation of \$45,168,359 from other tobacco settlement funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; make a conditional appropriation and allocation of any additional tobacco revenue on recommendation of the

Director of Finance, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation-General Fund Committee, and approval of the Governor. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

General Fund Budget – HB158 by Rep. Clouse would make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial agencies of the State, for other functions of government, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Insurance Disclosure - HB161 by Rep. Barton would require all property insurers and surplus producers to provide their new and renewal insureds with premium details, separately and combined, on the policy declaration page of the perils of wind or hail coverage and the perils of non-wind or hail coverage on each homeowners, dwelling, and commercial property insurance policy; provide that proposed rates filed with an effective date of 2015 shall be submitted to the Department of Insurance and displayed in the rate manual of the insurer providing property rates; provide that personal property insurers that utilize the credit history of the insured in determining the policy premium of the insurer, credit rating factors, or rating tiers that are partially or completely based on the credit history utilized in the premium calculation shall be filed separately for the perils of wind or hail coverage and the perils of non-wind or hail coverage, and those rating factors shall properly reflect the predictability of future losses for those two coverages from the credit history of the insured. *RFD: Insurance*

Voter Registration – HB162 by Rep. Long would extend the prohibition time period from 10 to 17 days in which a board of registrars is prohibited from registering any person as a qualified elector. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Oil & Gas Severance Trust (Escambia County) – HB163 by Rep. Baker would propose a local constitutional amendment relating to Escambia County to authorize the trustees of the Escambia County Oil and Gas Severance Trust to loan funds to Escambia County specifically for economic development and for roads and bridges and other capital projects in the county and to authorize other investments as otherwise provided for by local law. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Economic Development – HB164 by Rep. Ball would authorize a municipality to designate certain real property as a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone. This bill would provide requirements to qualify as a zone and provide that projects within the zone could be financed with ad valorem tax increments; provide that property within the zone would be developed for certain manufacturing purposes and would provide incentives for certain manufacturing projects that commit to develop or expand within the zone. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Education Trust Fund Budget – HB166 by Rep. Love would make appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education in Alabama, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

PACT – HB171 by Rep. Ford will provide that certain assets in the PACT Trust will be distributed to the several universities and colleges in the state and that certain funds would be retained in the fund to be available for private college or out-of-state tuition if selected by the

PACT beneficiary; provide that future appropriations from the Education Trust Fund to the PACT programs would be distributed to the several universities and colleges in the same manner as the assets transferred. Any state university or college shall allow a PACT beneficiary who is accepted for admission to receive credit for all tuition and fees as under the terms of the PACT contracts which existed prior to the passage of Act 2010-725. Any PACT beneficiary electing a private or out-of-state institution shall receive the amounts as determined according to the methods in place prior to the passage of Act 2010-725. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Education Lottery (Constitutional Amendment) – HB172 by Rep. Ford would propose an amendment to Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama Lottery to fund certain Education Trust Fund programs, to create an Alabama Lottery Corporation to implement and to regulate the operation of such lottery, and to prohibit the operation of casinos in the State. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Education Employees Retiree Benefits – HB173 by Rep. Ford bill provides for cost-of-living increases for public education employees and certain retirees and beneficiaries under the Teachers' Retirement System. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Certificate of Needs Transfers – HB174 by Rep. McClendon would specify that the transfer of a certificate of need by lease issued to a limited liability company or other legal entity by lease, sale, or other transaction involving an existing health care facility, health maintenance organization, or institutional health service does not require a new or additional CON; apply retroactively when an amendment to the CON law was enacted which had previously been interpreted as authorizing the transfers without a new CON. *RFD: Health*

Ophthalmic Materials – HB175 by Rep. McClendon would provide that ophthalmic materials dispensed by ophthalmologists shall be considered a sale subject to state sales tax. *RFD: Health*

Table Wine Tasting Events – HB176 by Rep. Nordgren would extend the sale of wine by a wine manufacturer to satellite tasting rooms and at special events for on-site and off-site consumption with additional licenses for additional tasting rooms and special events. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Alabama Trust Fund (Constitutional Amendment) – HB177 by Rep. Hubbard would propose a constitutional amendment to require the repayment with interest of the funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund pursuant to Amendment 856 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, within six years following the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015; to provide the procedure for the repayment of the funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund pursuant to Amendment 856 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to increase the tax on cigarettes by an additional 50 mills on each cigarette; and to provide that the proceeds from the tax levied by the state on cigarettes and other appropriations from the Alabama Legislature shall be used to repay the funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund pursuant to Amendment 856 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Tanning Facilities (Unfunded Mandate) – HB179 by Rep. Johnson (R) establish regulations on tanning facilities and provide for penalties. *RFD: Health*

Hazardous Waste Disposal Fees – HB181 by Rep. McCampbell would provide for a lower fee of \$10 per ton in combined state and local fees for the disposal of hazardous waste identified under federal law. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

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School Resource Officers Act - HB182 by Rep. Coleman-Evans provides for one-half of the necessary funding for the hiring, training and equipping of school resource officers from a designated funding source and the requirements, duties and responsibilities of a school resource officer. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

School Bus Violations – HB183 by Rep. Vance would enable county and municipal boards of education to approve in their jurisdiction a process of civil enforcement of offenses related to overtaking a school bus by using automated detection devices, and allowing a civil notice of violation to be issued by mail; provide that the owner of the vehicle is presumptively responsible but provide procedures to transfer responsibility or to contest the notice of violation; allow a law enforcement agency or a local governing entity, in consultation with a school system, to enter an agreement with a private vendor for the installation, operation, notice processing, and administration of a school bus automated device. District and municipal courts would be granted subject matter jurisdiction to adjudicate the civil notice; provide procedures for civil action taken pursuant to this act; provide for the destruction of all images and other recorded information within certain time periods; provide for appeals; civil fines would be authorized. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Tax Exemption – HB186 by Rep. Patterson would exempt Still Serving Veterans, incorporated, from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. This bill would exempt all property owned and used by Still Serving Veterans, Incorporated, from any state, county, and local ad valorem taxes. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Veterinary Practice Act – HB188 by Rep. Todd bill would provide further for the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine to prohibit any person, other than a licensed veterinarian, from directly supervising veterinary medical services or making certain decisions relating to the medical or surgical treatment of animals; include a spay neuter clinic under the definition of a veterinary facility, and would limit the scope of services offered at a spay neuter clinic; exempt licensed veterinarians employed by nonprofit spay neuter clinics from certain prohibitions against practicing veterinary medicine as an employee of a person not licensed by the board; subject spay neuter clinics to the same permits and requirements as other veterinary facilities; specify that licensed veterinarians continue to exercise the standard of care, professional judgment, and humane treatment of animals required under the practice act as amended. *RFD: Boards, Agencies & Commissions*

Energy Tax Credits – HB191 by Rep. Wren would include certain energy efficient products within the exemption from the sales and use tax during the annual sales tax holiday. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Mining Privilege Tax Repeal – HB193 by Rep. Roberts would repeal the statutes providing for the iron ore privilege or license tax for the mining of iron ore. *RFD: Agriculture & Forestry*

Hate Crimes – HB195 by Rep. Givan would provide for additional penalties for crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. *RFD: Judiciary*

Private Investigation Board – HB197 by Sanderford would regulate and license the practice of private investigation by private investigators; define terms; create the Alabama Private Investigation Board and provide for its membership, meetings, officers, powers, and duties; and would prohibit persons from acting as a private investigator without a license, subject to criminal punishment as a Class A misdemeanor. *RFD: Board, Agencies & Commissions*

Ad Valorem Tax – HB198 by Rep. Greeson would provide that Class II and Class III real property in Alabama would not be subject to reappraisal more often than once every four years, provided that the level of equalization for a particular county falls between 90 percent and 105 percent with a coefficient of dispersion of no greater than 20 as determined by an annual sales ratio study conducted by the Department of Revenue. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Sales Tax Exemption of Food (Constitutional Amendment) – HB202 by Rep. Knight would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal Amendment 225 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 211.04 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; and to exempt sales of food and over-the-counter drugs from state sales tax. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Unitary Business Income Tax – HB203 by Rep. Lindsey would define unitary business and requires taxpayers who are part of a unitary business to use a combined report to determine their Alabama taxable income. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Navigable Waterways (Unfunded Mandates) - HB204 by Rep. Lee would provide that the term navigable waters would include canals; prohibit a person from anchoring, mooring, or abandoning a vessel in navigable waters so that it obstructs navigation and would provide for criminal penalties. *RFD: Agriculture & Forestry*

Oil & Gas Depletion Allowance – HB206 by Rep. Boyd would limit the state depletion allowance for oil and gas to the amount allowed by the federal depletion allowance. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Corporate Income Tax Deductions – HB207 by Rep. Jackson Alabama levies an income tax on corporations. Alabama corporate income tax law is linked to federal corporate income tax law, which allows a domestic production activities deduction that is equal to a percentage of income earned from domestic production or taxable income, whichever is less; limit the Alabama deduction to three percent of qualifying income. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Educational Property Trespass – HB208 by Poole would authorize a law enforcement officer to arrest a person without a warrant under certain conditions for trespassing on the property of an educational institution. *RFD: Judiciary*

K-12 Classrooms - HB209 by Rep. Coleman-Evans would require that, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, class size limits be maintained at 15 students per teacher for grades kindergarten to third, inclusive, at 22 students per teacher for grades four to eight, inclusive, and at 25 students per teacher for grades nine to 12, inclusive. Such limits would be implemented on a graduated basis beginning with the 2013-2014 fiscal year; provide that any costs associated with satisfying the class size limitations imposed by this bill would be the responsibility of the state and not the local school systems. *RFD: Education Policy*

Mandatory School Attendance Age (Unfunded Mandate) – HB211 by Rep. Coleman-Evans would require children between the ages of seven and 18 years, or upon graduation from high school, whichever is earlier, except in certain specified instances, to attend or graduate from a public school, private school, church school, or be instructed by a competent private tutor. *RFD: Education Policy*

Self Defense (Unfunded Mandate) – HB212 by Rep. Coleman-Evans would provide that a person is not justified in using physical force if he or she initially pursued another person engaged in a lawful activity in a public place and the pursuit resulted in a confrontation and the use of force, including deadly force; provide immunity to innocent bystanders who use force to protect themselves as a result of a confrontation between other persons. *RFD: Judiciary*

Highway Finance Authority – HB213 by Rep. McCutcheon would increase the corporation's borrowing authority to not more than \$25 million in aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at any time for the purpose of financing the state's share of the cost of constructing roads, bridges, and related improvements funded in part by the federal government or to match federal funds for local roadway, bridge, and related improvements awarded through the Rural Assistance Match Program and administered by the Alabama Department of Transportation. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Aircraft Sales & Use Tax Exemption – HB216 by Rep. Lee would clarify legislative intent and conform the provisions of the sales tax exemption provided in Act 2012-185, to specify an equivalent use tax exemption. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Voter Registration – HB218 by Rep. Nordgren would require, upon written affidavit, the omission of the residential and mailing address of any registered voter who is a victim of domestic violence or who is the custodian of a minor victim of domestic violence. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Mandatory School Attendance Age (Unfunded Mandate) – HB219 by Rep. McClammy would require children between the ages of six and 18 years, except in certain specified instances, to attend a public school, private school, church school, or be instructed by a competent private tutor. *RFD: Education Policy*

Firearms – HB220 by Rep. Henry would prevent infringement on the right to keep and bear arms by the federal government and would nullify all federal acts in violation of the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Cultural Tax Districts – HB221 by Rep. Collins bill would provide a sales tax exemption for the sale of original works of art in any cultural district in a Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, and Class 5 municipality, and any municipality with an incorporated arts council or main street program. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Possession of Obscene Matter (Unfunded Mandate) – HB222 by Rep. Ford would provide for the crime of bestiality. *RFD: Judiciary*

Storm Shelters Exemption – HB223 by Rep. Henry would delete the provision that a prefabricated storm shelter not be equipped with electrical lines in order to be exempt from Title 24. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Corporate Income Tax – HB224 by Rep. Melton would limit the Alabama deduction to fifty percent (50%) of the adjusted basis of qualified property. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Tax Exemption – HB226 by Rep. Wood would exempt the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

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Good Samaritan Law – HB231 by Senator Buttram would provide civil immunity to an entity or individual that provides access to a safe place in times of severe weather to any person if the entity or individual was acting in good faith and the damage or injury was not caused by the willful or wanton negligence or misconduct of the entity or individual. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Cullman County Officials Retirement (Constitutional Amendment) – HB233 by Rep. Buttram would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, which would phase out the current supernumerary program for certain elected officials in Cullman County and would allow elected or appointed Cullman County officials, as defined, to participate in the State Employees' Retirement System. *RFD: State Government*

Fort Payne Corporation Limits – HB235 by Rep. Greeson would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Fort Payne in DeKalb County. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Animal Shelters – HB238 by Rep. McMillan would require an animal shelter owner or operator to submit an annual report to the Department of Public Health detailing the total number of animals that have entered the facility and the disposition of the animals. *RFD: Agriculture & Forestry*

Alcoholic Beverages (Prattville) HB239 by Rep. Beckman Relating to the City of Prattville in Autauga and Elmore Counties; authorizing the city council to provide for the sale of draft beer, with certain exceptions, by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Habitual Offender Act – HB240 by Rep. DeMarco would repeal Section 13A-5-9.1, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for the retroactive application of the Habitual Offender Act, as amended. The repeal would be prospective and would not apply to any pending motion for a review of a sentence pursuant to the retroactive application of the law. *RFD: Judiciary*

Daycare Exemption – HB241 by Rep. Tuggle would allow daycare homes and night time homes to continue to care for six children without the installation of a sprinkler system. *RFD: Children & Senior Advocacy*

Tax Credits for Hybrid Vehicles – HB242 by Rep. Wren would allow a credit from state income tax for the full amount of sales tax paid on the purchase of any qualified hybrid motor vehicle. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Tax Credit for CNG Vehicles – HB243 by Rep. Wren would provide tax credit incentives for using motor vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) by providing a state income tax credit for certain incremental sales costs or conversion costs related to CNG powered motor vehicles. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Occupational Taxes (Class 3, 4 & 5 Municipalities) – HB245 by Rep. Wren would provide that only the Legislature, by local law, may levy an occupational tax within a Class 3, 4, or 5 municipality. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Electronic Titling System – HB248 by Rep. Hurst would establish a mandatory electronic lien and titling system for motor vehicles in this state; require the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to contract for the establishment, implementation, and ongoing operation of an electronic lien and titling system for motor vehicles in this state; provide certain terms to be included in the contract, including the contractor's responsibility for the payment of all costs associated with the establishment and implementation of the system; authorize the commissioner to adopt rules exempting certain lienholders from participation in the system, as well as other rules for the establishment and implementation of the system. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Motor Vehicles - HB249 by Rep. McCutcheon would require the driver of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way and move over or slow down when approaching a garbage, trash, refuse, or recycling collection vehicle that is actively engaged in the collection of garbage, trash, refuse, or recycling materials. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Tort Liability – HB250 by Rep. McCutcheon would specify that the definition of a governmental entity for limiting tort claims for damages against local governmental entities would include a water, sewer, or fire protection authority. *RFD: Judiciary*

Fire Authorities – HB251 by Rep. McCutcheon would specify that the definition of "fire protection service" under the authorizing law includes searching for, testing, drilling for, installation of necessary access ways, and electric, gas, sewer, telephone, and water lines to, from, and for the construction, operation, and maintenance of buildings and accessory structures used for pumping from a well, a spring, a creek, a river or tributary thereof, a reservoir, or a tank, by an authority. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Human Trafficking Penalties – HB 253 by Rep. Barton would enhance penalties for subsequent convictions of first degree human trafficking and second degree human trafficking. *RFD: Judiciary*

Firefighter Death & Disability Benefits – HB255 by Rep. Barton would include a cerebral vascular accident or stroke in the definition of a municipal firefighter's occupational disease; provide death or disability benefits due to occupational disease as defined for a firefighter employed by the state; specify that, if a firefighter suffers from heart disease, hypertension, respiratory disease, cerebral vascular accident or stroke, cancer, HIV, or hepatitis, the state must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the condition was caused by some means other than the occupation to disqualify the firefighter from benefits. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Business License Tax (Constitutional Amendment) - HB257 by Moore, B would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit the imposition of a business license tax by a county or a municipality on the rental of residential real estate on a per unit basis unless the tax was imposed before January 1, 2013. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Smoking Prohibition – HB258 by Rep. McClurkin would prohibit smoking in places of employment, public places, and enclosed areas of private clubs; provide defined terms; provide for exemptions; require posting of smoking prohibition signs; allow building or property owners to designate nonsmoking areas; provide enforcement by the Board of Health; and to repeal the existing Alabama Clean Indoor Act. *RFD: Health*

Police Animals – HB259 by Rep. DeMarco would make it a crime to interfere or attempt to interfere with the duties of a police animal, a search and rescue animal, or the handler of a police animal or search and rescue animal; make it a crime to harass, assault, injure, cause the death, or attempt to harass, assault, injure, or cause the death of a police animal or search and rescue animal. *RFD: Agriculture & Forestry*

Prison Contraband (Unfunded Mandate) – HB260 by Rep. Baker would specifically include attempt in the crime of promoting prison contraband in the first, second, and third degrees. *RFD: Judiciary*

Tax Exemption – HB261 by Rep. Baker would exempt the Alabama Wholesale Oil License Fee from exported gallons of oil and on transmix; clarify the definition of the terms "special fuel" and on "Two-Party Exchange;" define the terms "kerosene," "K-1 kerosene," and "associate jobber;" exempt K-1 kerosene refined in this state for immediate export from destination state taxes. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Public Safety Communications – HB263 by Rep. Wood would establish the crime of interference with public safety communication if a person damages public safety communication equipment or otherwise interferes with a public safety telecommunication broadcast or transmission; a violation would be a Class C felony. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Taxpayer Bill of Rights – HB264 by Rep. DeMarco would amend the act to conform in several respects to the federal Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, including broader "innocent spouse" type relief, and make technical corrections to remove ambiguities and conflicts; require certain state tax income returns to be filed as a result of IRS audit changes, consistent with the Multistate Tax Commission's model statute, and increase a taxpayer's penalties for fraud, negligence, and frivolous appeals or returns, consistent with federal law; increase the time period in which a taxpayer has to file an appeal of a preliminary or final assessment; establish a new procedure for seeking an expedited revenue ruling from the department; specifically state that it is the intent of this bill to adopt in large part the American Bar Association Model State Administrative Tax Tribunal Act; abolish the Administrative Law Division of the Department of Revenue and provide for the creation and operation of a new, independent state agency, known as the Alabama Tax Appeals Commission, to hear appeals of tax and other matters administered by the Department of Revenue and appeals related to certain local taxes levied by or on behalf of self-administered counties or municipalities, unless the governing body elects out. The bill would transfer office furniture, equipment, computers, and other property from the Department of Revenue to the Tax Appeals Commission and also transfer from the Revenue Department Administrative Fund and from the State General Fund the necessary funds for the first year of operation of the Tax Appeals Commission; amend portions of Chapters 2A and 18 of Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975, for purposes of conformity and to make technical corrections. *RFD: Judiciary*

Ad Valorem Tax Increase (City of Auburn) – HB266 by Rep. Warren would authorize the governing body of the City of Auburn, Alabama, pursuant to Amendment 373 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the rate at which there is levied and collected by the city, on all taxable property situated within the city, the special ad valorem tax for the support and furtherance of education which is authorized in Amendment 148 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to a rate, for any tax year of the city, which is equal to \$1.40 on each one hundred dollars (14 mills on each dollar) of assessed value. *RFD: Lee County Legislation*

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Entertainment Districts (Class 5 Municipalities) HB269 by Rep. Williams, P would provide that the governing body of a Class 3 municipality may establish up to five entertainment districts within its corporate limits. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

TVA Fees Distribution (Morgan County) HB271 by Rep. Henry provide further for the distribution and expenditure of in-lieu-of-taxes payments received from the Tennessee Valley Authority distributed to Morgan County; and to repeal Act 2011-267 of the 2011 Regular Session (Acts 2011, p. 490). *RFD: Local Legislation*

Public Assistance (TANF Benefits) - HB274 by Long would require applicants for temporary cash payments under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) to disclose any felony conviction under penalty of perjury; provide that a person is not eligible to receive temporary cash payments under TANF if he or she has been convicted of any felony. *RFD: State Government*

Retirement DROP Reestablished – HB278 by Rep. Ford would reestablish DROP and would remove limits on interest that could be paid on DROP accounts. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Aircraft Fuel (Tax Exemption) – HB279 by McCutcheon would provide for a refund of excise tax paid on purchases of aviation jet fuel made by air carriers conducting all-cargo operations engaged in international flights; exempts purchases of aviation jet fuel made by these air carriers from sales tax and exempts the use, storage or consumption of this jet fuel from the use tax. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Tax Incentive Reform Act – HB280 by Rep. Mask would expand the definition of the terms "Industrial Development Property" and "Major Addition" by providing that they shall be included as part of establishing or expanding an industrial or research enterprise shall, by providing that the costs, if any, of rebuilding, reconstruction, rehabilitating, repairing, and/or re-equipping any such property may be added to the capital account of any person with respect to the property. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Write-In Voters – HB282 by Rep. Newton, C would provide for the procedure for counting write-in votes at a central location in the county. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

DUI (Unfunded Mandate) – HB283 by Rep. Jones would define "under the influence" for the purpose of the offense of driving under the influence to mean not having the normal use of mental and physical facilities by reason of the introduction into the body of alcohol, a controlled substance, a drug, or any other substance, or a combination of two or more of those substances; consolidate the charges of driving under the influence to specify that a person may be charged with driving under the influence if the person is under the influence of any substance or substances which render the person incapable of safe driving. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Local School Boards – HB285 by Rep. Merrill would decrease the time that personnel vacancies are required to be posted by a local board of education when school is in session from not less than seven to not less than three calendar days before the position is to be filled, and for all vacancies involving jobs which are supervisory, managerial, or otherwise newly created positions from at least 14 to at least seven calendar days before the position is to be filled. *RFD: Education Policy*

Tobacco Products – HB286 by Rep. Jones would prohibit the sale, possession, use, or transportation of alternative nicotine products by a minor. *RFD: Judiciary*

Tim Tebow Act – HB287 by Rep. Henry would create the Tim Tebow Act; define the term extracurricular to mean school authorized athletics and athletic teams; allow a student being

taught at home or at a church school to participate in athletics and on athletic teams; require participating students to adhere to the same requirements as public school students concerning activity fees, standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, conduct, academic standards, and residency requirements; require a participating student who participates in an extracurricular activity at a public school to commit to and only participate in that extracurricular activity at that public school for the duration of the school year, and would allow a student to participate in different extracurricular activities at the same public school. *RFD: Education Policy*

Flexible School Calendar Act (Unfunded Mandate) – HB288 by Rep. DeMarco would allow a local board of education to opt out of the temporary academic school calendar parameters by providing written notice to the State Superintendent of Education. *RFD: Education Policy*

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School Buses (Unfunded Mandate) – HB291 by Rep. Hurst would require the board to prescribe a rule mandating the presence of a second adult on each school bus during the transportation of pupils to and from school or school-related activities. *RFD: Education Policy*

Alabama Ahead Act – HB293 by Rep. McClendon would commencing with the 2013-2014 school year, would delete the requirement that the tablets and mobile computers be pen-enabled, would delete the phase-in provisions, would delete the reassignment provisions, and would revise the composition of the advisory committee; provide local school systems with the option of participating in the plan, and would require participating systems to contribute 25 percent of the funding from local school system funds, unless the requirement is waived or reduced by the State Department of Education; amend the contingent implementation act provided in the originating act. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Alcoholic Beverages (New Brockton) – HB294 by Rep. Moore, B. would authorize the sale of draft or keg beer or malt beverages by properly licensed retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board upon the consent of the New Brockton Town Council. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sales Tax Threshold – HB295 by Rep. Boothe would increase the average monthly tax liability threshold for a taxpayer to be required to make estimated payments to \$2,500 or greater. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Animal Sales – HB296 by Rep. Nordgren would repeal the misdemeanor penalty of a person who sells or purchases any domestic animal or domestic fowl between the hours of sunset and sunrise. The law does not apply to merchants or grocers. *RFD: Agriculture & Forestry*

Court Limits – HB297 by Rep. Clouse would increase the jurisdiction of the small claims division of the district court to cases where the amount in controversy is \$6,000 or less and would provide that the circuit court has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court over cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$6,000 but is less than \$10,000; revise the filing fee and filing fee distribution statutes to reflect the new jurisdiction of the small claims division of

the district court, but to keep the filing fees and distribution of filing fees at the same amounts as before the revisions provided in this act. *RFD: Judiciary*

Ammunition (Sales Tax Exemption) – HB298 by Rep. Long would provide that ammunition 11 manufactured for firearms is exempt from sales tax. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Ten Commandments Display - HB299 by Rep. Bridges would propose a constitutional amendment which would provide that property belonging to the state may be used to display the Ten Commandments and that the right to display the Ten Commandments on property owned or administered by a public school or public body is not restrained or abridged. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Sales & Use Tax – HB300 by Rep. Johnson, R. would specify that the sale of durable medical equipment; prosthetics and orthotics devices; and medical supplies, as defined under the Medicare program, that are sold pursuant to a valid prescription and billed to a third party payer would be exempt from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes and would provide retroactive application. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Child Abuse (Unfunded Mandate) – HB301 by Rep. Drake would clarify that school employees, teachers, and officials at both public and private K-12 schools are required to report; provide that any public or private employer who disciplines or penalizes an employee for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. *RFD: Judiciary*

Gulf State Park – HB302 by Rep. McMillan would authorize the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, subject to the approval of the Governor and a majority of the Joint Legislative Committee on State Parks, to enter into projects agreements at Gulf State Park to provide criteria for proposals submitted to the department for the enhancement of the park. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Contracts – HB303 by Rep. Roberts would require pre-bid meetings to be held at least seven days prior to bid opening on any public works contract and would prohibit the modification of specifications within 24 hours of the opening of a bid on any public works contract; reduce the time for payment of completed work on public contracts by an awarding authority from 45 days to 30 days. *RFD: State Government*

BP Oil Spill Fund – HB304 by Rep. Barton would make an appropriation of a total of \$7,000,000 from the BP Oil Spill Fund (Fund No. 1417) within the Department of Finance to the following entities: (1) Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce; (2) Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau; (3) Mobile Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau; (4) South Mobile County Tourism Authority; and (5) the Dauphin Island Sea Lab for the purposes of tourism and seafood promotion and marketing in equal annual amounts over a period of four fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013 and ending with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Youthful Offender Act – HB305 by Rep. Williams, P. would provide that the Youthful Offender Act would not apply to minors charged with a Class A felony. *RFD: Judiciary*

Alabama Lottery Corporation (Constitutional Amendment) – HB308 by Rep. Rogers would propose an amendment to Section 65 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to establish an Alabama Lottery to fund education and general fund programs; to create an Alabama Lottery Corporation; to provide that lottery proceeds will not supplant or replace existing education revenues; to establish the Lottery Trust Fund; to permit the Legislature to pass general laws to implement the amendment; and to terminate the lottery and the Alabama Lottery Corporation after a specified period of time. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Tax Sales – HB309 by Rep. Hill would provide that the rate of interest would be the same as the rate of interest on money judgments, as amended, which is currently 7.5 percent. *RFD: Financial Services*

Legislative Sessions - HB313 by Rep. Wren would propose a self-executing amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relative to setting the dates, times, and length of organizational, annual regular, annual budget, and special sessions of the Legislature; proposes the nature of legislation that may be considered in regular and budget sessions of the Legislature; proposes the time within which the Governor shall submit to the Legislature the proposed budget plans of the state; proposes to repeal Amendment 339 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 76 of Article IV of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and Amendment 448 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 71.01 of Article IV of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

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Medical Marijuana – HB315 by Rep. Todd would establish a medical exemption for the personal use and possession of marijuana only for certain qualifying patients who have been diagnosed by a physician as having a serious medical condition and been issued a valid medical marijuana identification card. *RFD: Health*

Annual Economic Incentives Report – HB317 by Rep. Todd would require the Executive Branch to compile and submit an annual report to the Legislature detailing specific information regarding economic incentives for the previous year. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Title Loan Business (Unfunded Mandate) – HB319 by Rep. Todd would provide for the Alabama Title Pledge Act to license and regulate the title loan business; would provide or charges, interest, and fees for loans; and to provide for the enforcement of the act by fines and criminal penalties. *RFD: Financial Services*

Alternative Fuels – HB322 by Rep. Wren would encourage the use of motor vehicles powered by compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, propane, hybrid technology, and electricity by providing tax credits for the acquisition of such vehicles, or the modification of motor vehicles to utilize such fuel and power sources, and for the installation of refueling equipment for such vehicles. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Improvement Districts – HB323 by Rep. Hill would amend the Alabama Improvement District Act; provide further for the appointment and terms of the members of the board of directors of a district and would provide for the assessment of lands within a district; specify remedies for nonpayment of assessments; provide for reassessments and amendments to existing assessments, provide for the issuance of bonds by a district, and would provide for prospective and retroactive operation. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Income Tax Credits (Class 3 Municipalities) – HB326 by Rep. McClammy would relate to Class 3 municipalities organized under Act 618 of the 1973 Regular Session and would make such provision; limit the number of student workers who may be claimed for a tax credit. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Law Enforcement – HB327 by Rep. Farley would provide that retirees who are certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers at the time of retirement would not be subject to the limitations of compensation. *RFD: State Government*

Employee Protection – HB329 by Rep. Standridge would amend Section 41-13-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to expand that protection against disclosure to include employees of the criminal justice sector employed at any level of government within the state. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Court Costs – HB332 by Rep. Poole would provide that court costs and docket fees assessed by any authority other than the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, shall revert to the General Fund; provide that a court may not waive, set aside, or otherwise fail to collect any court costs or docket fees previously authorized and now subject to this act. *RFD: Judiciary*

Coroners Duties (Unfunded Mandate) – HB333 by Rep. McCampbell would further provide for the duties of coroner and deputy coroner as to performing an autopsy, and obtaining possession of any objects, medical specimens, or articles that may be helpful in establishing the cause of death; provides for the money and property of the deceased to be delivered to the county treasurer within 30 days by the coroner; make it 90 days; provide for limitation of a coroner's investigation; provide penalties. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Supernumerary Tax Officials – HB334 by Rep. Merrill would provide further for the salary of supernumerary ad valorem taxing officials. *RFD: State Government*

Engineer Liability – HB335 by Rep. Ison would codify the existing common law of Alabama that, under prescribed circumstances, abates the civil liability of a person or entity that contracts with the State of Alabama, a county, or a local government to inspect, monitor, or observe the construction, repair, or maintenance of a highway, a road, or a street. *RFD: State Government*

Homestead Exemption – HB336 by Rep. Clouse would increase the homestead exemption. *RFD: Financial Services*

Military Service Members – HB338 by Rep. Lee would facilitate the ability of discharged military service members to receive licensure and academic credit for military education, training, and experience; provide that a license of a service member would remain in good standing while the service member is on active duty and for six months thereafter. *RFD: Boards, Agencies & Commissions*

21st Century Workforce Act – HB340 by Rep. Bracy authorizes the Alabama Public School and College Authority to sell and issue up to \$35,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of bonds in addition to all other bonds previously issued by the authority for the purpose of providing funds to rebuild and equip the schools that suffered tornado damage on April 27, 2011 and December 25, 2012. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

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Annexation of Property (Tuscaloosa & Northport) – HB341 by England would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa and the City of Northport in Tuscaloosa County to remove certain property from the corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa and add the property to the City of Northport. *RFD: Tuscaloosa County Legislation*

ABC Tax Distribution – HB343 by Rep. Melton would provide for the distribution of proceeds of the uniform beer tax for the Town of Orrville in Dallas County. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Lodging Taxes (Madison County) – HB344 by Rep. Ball would amend Section 4 of Act 2004-418 of the 2004 Regular Session (Acts 2004, p. 701), as amended by Act 2012-442 of the 2012 Regular Session, providing for the levy of a lodging tax in the county, to delete the termination date. *RFD: Madison County Legislation*

Bail Bonds – HB345 by Rep. England would provide that, in order to obtain a certified copy of the undertaking, a professional bail company must submit a sworn affidavit to the court clerk setting out the violations of the defendant and would provide that false statements on the affidavit would constitute perjury in the third degree; provide that only employees, agents, or persons with a financial interest in the professional bail company who have made the certifications or are listed on the certifications provided by law may arrest a defendant on a certified copy of the undertaking; require the assessment of a fee of \$50 for each certified copy of the undertaking and would specify how the fee is to be distributed. *RFD: Judiciary*

Bail Bond Companies – HB346 by Rep. England would require a professional bail company to be authorized twice a year to be a surety on appearance bonds; provide a maximum amount of an appearance bond that a professional bail company may post per defendant; require a professional bail company to provide an affidavit, sworn to and signed by an owner, principal, member, or person with a financial interest in the professional bail company, setting forth proof of satisfaction of certain requirements, including new requirements related to criminal background histories and other additional information. *RFD: Judiciary*

Professional Bail Companies – HB347 by Rep. England would authorize the revocation of authority to act as a professional surety company or a professional bail company if specified acts are committed. *RFD: Judiciary*

Motor Vehicles – HB349 by Rep. Hurst would delete the specific weight reference to heavy motor vehicles and require an applicant to furnish proof of payment that any federal heavy vehicle excise tax imposed by Title 26, United States Code §4481, has been paid on a motor vehicle prior to the licensing official issuing, renewing, or transferring a motor vehicle registration and license plate for a motor vehicle. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Tax Exemption – HB350 by Rep. Coleman-Evans would exempt the Community Action Association of Alabama from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Education – HB353 by Rep. Henry would provide further for the contents of a local board of education reduction-in-force policy. *RFD: Education Policy*

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Professional Bondsman – HB356 by Rep. Hill would require professional bondsmen to attend a 12-hour instructional course and pass an examination developed and administered by a statewide association representing persons in the bail bond business approved by the Association of Circuit Judges prior to soliciting and executing appearance bonds or actively seeking bail bond business, and would also require professional bondsmen to complete eight hours of continuing education each year; set maximum fees for the initial instructional course, examination, and continuing education courses and would provide for the distribution of the fees; provide for the suspension of the right to act as a professional bondsman until the certification and continuing education requirements are satisfied. *RFD: Judiciary*

Alcoholic Beverages (City of Anniston) – HB358 by Rep. Boyd would authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits each day of the week by properly licensed clubs and retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and to provide for the off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages; to authorize the governing body of the city to regulate the selling of alcoholic beverages to the general public by properly licensed retailers. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sexual Misconduct (Unfunded Mandate) – HB368 by Rep. Standridge would provide that a person commits the crime of sexual misconduct if he or she engages in sexual contact with another person without his or her consent under circumstances other than those circumstances covered by the sexual abuse laws or with his or her consent where consent was obtained by use of fraud or artifice. *RFD: Judiciary*

Sex Crimes (Unfunded Mandates) – HB369 by Rep. Standridge would clarify sexual contact to mean touching the sexual or other intimate parts of another person for sexual gratification in order to provide for a situation in which the school employee asks a student to initiate sexual contact. *RFD: Judiciary*

Absentee Voting - HB373 by Rep. Moore, B. would authorize the Secretary of State, by emergency rule, to provide for absentee voting by those qualified electors who have responded to an emergency situation away from their polling places. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Air Pollution (Class I Municipality) - HB374 by Rep. Rogers would require the department, and in some instances local air pollution control boards, to notify the public of a proposed issuance or renewal of these permits if the emitting facility is located in a Class I municipality; require the department or local air pollution control board to make a draft of the permit application available to the public and to hold a public hearing and accept public comments if requested by the public. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Use of Force - HB376 by Rep. Long would provide that an owner, employee, or other person authorized to be on business premises after the business has closed to the public may use deadly physical force in self-defense or the defense of another person against a person who is committing or attempting to commit a burglary or robbery of the business. *RFD: Judiciary*

Road Maintenance (Cullman County) -HB378 by Rep. Buttram provide for the maintenance of county roads and bridges on the unit system; for this purpose to amend Section 45-22-70 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to add Section 45-22-71 to the Code of Alabama 1975; and to repeal Section 45-22-130 of the Code of Alabama 1975. *RFD: Local Legislation*

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Contracting with Sheriff (Cullman County) – HB381 by Rep. Buttram would provide for contracting of police services by a municipality with the Sheriff of Cullman County; and to provide for compensation and distribution. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Environment – HB382 by Rep. Tuggle would codify the establishment of the Alabama Drought Assessment and Planning Team created by the Governor's June 24, 2011, Executive Order Number 19, and provide for its membership, duties, responsibilities, and powers; establish the Monitoring and Impacts Group Subcommittee and provide for its membership, duties, responsibilities, and powers; codify the charges given to the Alabama Office of Water Resources which is a division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, with the responsibility of developing a State Drought Plan and periodically issuing drought declarations; reaffirm the Governor's ability to respond to extreme drought conditions under the powers provided under the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955; allow the Office of Water Resources to promulgate rules. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Homeland Security Training – HB383 by Rep. Merrill would authorize radio stations, cable operators, and television stations, in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security, to develop plans to prepare and respond to emergencies or disasters; authorize broadcasters to be certified by the Department of Homeland Security as emergency response broadcasters and would authorize emergency response broadcasters to have access to areas affected by

emergencies or disasters in order to restore broadcasting capability and provide information related to an emergency or disaster to the public. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Ad Valorem Tax Liability – HB384 by Rep. Gaston would prohibit the owner of a motor vehicle from being held liable for the unpaid ad valorem taxes of a previous owner of the motor vehicle. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Absentee Voting – HB385 by Rep. Gaston would allow absentee voters to submit ballots by commercial carriers as well as United States mail. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Attorney Contracts – HB387 by Rep. Wallace would provide that a contract for legal service is voidable if it is procured as a result of conduct violating the laws of the state or the Alabama Rules of Professional Conduct; provide for recovery of certain fees and expenses; and would allow an attorney to recover fees and expenses based on a quantum meruit theory. *RFD: Judiciary*

Alabama Cyber Technology Authority – HB389 by Rep. Wren would create the Alabama Cyber Technology Authority to encourage the cooperation of higher education, business, and government in developing and supporting cyber technology projects in this state, including research and development related to cyber security, that are subject to malicious cyber attacks and exploitation, as well as in supporting educational opportunities related to cyber technology education and training. *RFD: Technology & Research*

Local Laws (Marshall County) - HB390 by Rep. Rich would further provide for the construction and applicability of prior local laws relating to the county and providing for certain actions to be taken by the local legislative delegation representing the county. *RFD: Local Legislation*

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MAYOR VACANCY – HB391 by Rep. Williams, J would authorize, in the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the president of the council to decline the office of mayor and remain on the council and would provide for the council to fill the vacancy from its own membership or by any other qualified elector in the municipality. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Planning & Zoning – HB392 by Rep. Patterson would encourage compatible land use, help prevent incompatible urban encroachment upon military installations, and facilitate the continued presence of major military installations within the state by requiring the notification of certain military installations of certain land use changes by local governments, and allowing the military installations an opportunity to comment on the proposed land use changes; provide for references to military installations in master plans adopted by municipal planning commissions. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Civil Rights Restoration - HB393 by Rep. McClammy would provide for the automatic restoration of the civil rights, including, without limitation, the right to bear arms of each person who has lost his or her rights including the right to bear arms by reason of conviction in a state or

federal court, except convictions for impeachment or treason, if the person has fulfilled the conditions of his or her sentence relating to imprisonment or has been granted a full and unconditional pardon. *RFD: Judiciary*

Alabama Cyber Technology Authority – HB395 by Rep. Wren would create the Alabama Cyber Technology Authority to encourage the cooperation of higher education, business, and government in developing and supporting cyber technology projects in this state, including research and development related to cyber security, that are subject to malicious cyber attacks and exploitation, as well as in supporting educational opportunities related to cyber technology education and training. *RFD: Technology & Research*

Pistol Permit Fee (Randolph County) – HB398 by Rep. Laird would amend Act 89-446 of the 1989 Regular Session (Acts 1989, p. 923), as amended by Act 2011-327 (Acts 2011, p. 602), relating to the issuance of pistol permits by the sheriff, to authorize the sheriff to waive the fee for law enforcement officers. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Motor Fuel Tax – HB400 by Rep. Chesteen would allow the state to levy the equivalent amount of tax should Congress eliminate, reduce, or fail to levy the federal motor fuel taxes. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Public Employee Compensation – HB401 by Rep. Chesteen would extend the salary differential for any state employee, employee of a public education entity, or employee of a local government entity, who is called into active service in any of the Armed Forces of the United States. *RFD: Military & Veteran Affairs*

Children First Trust Fund – HB402 by Rep. Clouse would make an appropriation of \$39,004,803 from the Children First Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, to the entities and for the purposes designated in Section 41-15B-2.2, Code of Alabama 1975. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Volunteer School Security Forces (Franklin County) – HB404 by Rep. Morrow would authorize the formation of volunteer emergency security forces at public schools in the county consisting of current and retired school employees and local citizens; to provide for the role of the sheriff and the chief of police in the training and supervision of emergency security forces; to provide for implementation of the act by each local board of education; and to provide for indemnification. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Corporate Limits (City of Fairhope) – HB405 by Rep. Faust would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Fairhope in Baldwin County. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Polling Places (Baldwin County) – HB406 by Rep. Faust would authorize the county commission or a municipal governing body to designate fire stations as polling places; and to prohibit designated fire stations from charging a fee. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Draft & Keg Beer – HB408 by Rep. Boothe would define the term "draft or keg beer." *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Municipal Personnel – HB409 by Rep. Long would prevent any agency, political subdivision, employee, or member of the military of Alabama from assisting an agency of the United States Armed Forces in the detention of a citizen in violation of the United States Constitution or the laws of Alabama. *RFD: Military & Veterans Affairs*

School Resource Officers – HB410 by Rep. Ford would allow retired police officers or other law enforcement officers who resigned in good standing to serve on a part-time basis as reserve school resource officers in schools; require any person serving as a part-time reserve school resource officer to maintain firearms qualifications and annual use-of-force training but would not require physical fitness standards or other continuing education requirements. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

MUNICIPAL BID PREFERENCES – HB411 by Rep. Merrill would provide that a county or municipal awarding authority may award the bid to a resident bidder in the preference zone when the bid is not more than five percent greater than the lowest bid. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Electrical Contractors – HB413 by Rep. Butler would allow any individual who successfully passed a nationally standardized journeyman electrician examination to apply for licensure without further examination requirements for one year; require an electrical contractor who holds a license issued by a county or municipal government to obtain a provisional license from the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors to continue working within a 100-mile radius of his or her residence. *RFD: Boards, Agencies & Commissions*

Sales & Use Tax Exemption – HB414 by Rep. Wood would exempt Blessings in a Backpack from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Direct Deposit - HB417 by Rep. Collins would allow a municipality to require its employees, as a condition of employment, to participate in direct deposit of the employee's wages in a financial institution selected by the employee unless the employee would incur fees from the financial institution and a comparable financial institution that does not charge fees for a direct deposit is unavailable to the employee in the municipality; require a municipality establishing a direct deposit policy to provide employees with an electronic fund transfer authorization form and a direct deposit statement. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Business License - HB418 by Rep. Collins would authorize a municipality to issue licenses for a period of 12 consecutive months on a basis other than a calendar year, if authorized by a local law enacted by the Legislature. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Sales Taxes - HB419 by Rep. DeMarco would provide for the Department of Revenue to grant certificates of exemption from sales and use taxes to contractors and subcontractors licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors for the purchase of building materials and construction materials to be used in the construction of a building or other project, not to include

a highway, road, or bridge project, for a governmental entity which is exempt from the payment of sales and use taxes; provide for the accounting for purchases and for enforcement for violations. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Voters List - HB420 by Rep. Nordgren would provide for the free dissemination of the computerized statewide voter registration list to the chief election official of other states, upon request. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Alcohol Business License – HB423 by Rep. Vance would require all annual license fees for the sale of alcoholic beverages be paid between June 1 and July 31 of each year; increase the penalty for failure to timely renew; allow the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to charge a fee for electronic processing. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Teachers' Retirement System – HB425 by Rep. Boothe would alter the membership of the Board of Control of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Educational Accountability & Intervention Act – HB427 by Rep. Scott would establish the Educational Accountability and Intervention Act of 2013; clarify the authority of the State Board of Education, through the State Superintendent of Education, to exercise direct control over the decision making and operational functions of city and county boards of education when such boards are placed under educational intervention by action of the State Board of Education; repeal existing statutes that are in conflict with or are otherwise inconsistent with this bill. *RFD: Education Policy*

Municipal Ordinance Publication – HB428 by Rep. Scott would require a municipality to provide online access to its ordinances. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

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No House Introductions on this Day

House Bills of Interest Day 13 of the Regular Session

No House Introductions on this Day

House Bills of Interest Day 14 of the Regular Session

No House Introductions on this Day

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Tobacco Tax (Constitutional Amendment) - HB431 by Rep. Shiver would propose a local constitutional amendment relating to Monroe County to levy a tax on tobacco products and collect and distribute the proceeds from the tax. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Gasoline Tax (Monroe County) - HB434 by Rep. Shiver would allow the Monroe County Commission to call for a local referendum to authorize the Monroe County Commission to levy an excise tax on gasoline or motor fuel not to exceed five cents (\$.05) per gallon for specific road and bridge projects identified by the county prior to the referendum. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Gasoline Tax (Lee County) - HB436 by Rep. Vance allow the Lee County Commission to call for a referendum authorizing the commission to levy an excise tax on gasoline or motor fuel not to exceed five cents per gallon for specific county road and bridge projects identified by the county prior to the referendum; and to provide that the excise tax would only be in effect for a period not to exceed five years unless a subsequent local referendum was called asking that the levy be renewed. *RFD: Lee County Legislation*

Traffic Signs (City of Montgomery) - HB437 by Rep. Holmes would amend Act 2009-740, 2009 Regular Session (Acts 2009, p. 2208); to require the City of Montgomery to post a sign at each place where a photographic traffic signal enforcement system is located. *RFD: Montgomery County Legislation*

Appointment of Deputy Mayor (Class 3 Municipalities) - HB438 by Rep. Holmes would authorize the mayor to appoint a deputy mayor; to require the person appointed to serve as deputy to be approved by majority vote of the council; and to provide that the city council shall set the salary of the deputy mayor. *RFD: Montgomery County Legislation*

Housing Authority (City of Montgomery) - HB439 by Rep. Holmes would create and establish a personnel merit system for the authority; to provide for personnel rules, principles, and organization; to provide for classes of employment; and to establish a procedure for the hearing of decisions regarding appeals from an employee of the board regarding adverse job action. *RFD: Montgomery County Legislation*

Warrant Recall Fee (Mobile County) - HB440 by Rep. Bracy provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or judge for the City of Saraland to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. *RFD: Mobile County Legislation*

Tobacco Tax (Monroe County) - HB441 by Rep. Shiver would propose a local constitutional amendment relating to Monroe County to levy a tax on tobacco products and collect and distribute the proceeds from the tax. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Distribution of TVA in lieu of Taxes Payments (Marshall County) - HB442 by Rep. Long would amend Section 1 of Act 2011-527, 2011 Regular Session, as amended by Act 2012-206 of the 2012 Regular Session, providing for the distribution of additional TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments received by the county pursuant to Act 2010-135, to further provide for the Discretionary Fund Committee. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Airport Authority Board (Class 3 Municipality) - HB443 by Rep. Hubbard, J. would further provide for the membership of any airport authority established by the city. *RFD: Montgomery County Legislation*

Process Fee (Montgomery County) - HB444 by Rep. Hubbard, J. would provide for service of process in Montgomery County; to provide that the Montgomery County Commission, with the concurrence of the sheriff, may contract with or enter into a contract or agreement with a private, public, or governmental entity for the purpose of service of process; to increase the fee for civil or criminal documents with certain exceptions; and to provide for the disposition of funds. *RFD: Montgomery County Legislation*

Civil Service Board (City of Jacksonville) - HB445 by Rep. Brown would amend Section 45-8A-71.04 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the civil service board for employees of the city; to provide for the office of a board member to be deemed vacant for failure of the board member to attend meetings under certain conditions. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Librarians (City of Jacksonville) - HB446 by Rep. Brown would remove any professional librarian employed by the city from the list of exemptions. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Court Costs (City of Birmingham) - HB447 by Rep. Givan would provide for the assessment and collection of a prosecutor's fee in the municipal court of the City of Birmingham in all criminal and traffic cases in an amount equal to the fees and court costs payable to the Fair Trial Tax Fund in criminal cases; and providing for the disbursement of the funds. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Warrant Recall Fee (City of Birmingham) - HB448 by Rep. Coleman-Evans would provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or judge of the City of Birmingham to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Solicitor's Fee (Jefferson County) - HB449 by Rep. Scott would amend Section 1 of Act 2009-612, 2009 Regular Session (Acts 2009, p. 1775), providing for the assessment and collection of a solicitor's fee in criminal cases in the Birmingham Division and the Bessemer Division; and to exclude the municipal court of the City of Birmingham from the assessment and collection of the solicitor's fee. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Probationers Fees (Class 1 Municipalities) - HB450 by Rep. Moore, M. would provide that a parolee or probationer who has an income shall pay a fee to contribute to the cost of his or her supervision and rehabilitation in a Class 1 municipality. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Confiscated Property (Madison County) - HB451 by Rep. Johnson, W. would authorize a law enforcement agency to deliver to the circuit clerk certain seized currency that is the subject of a forfeiture proceeding; to require the clerk of court to deposit the currency in a federally insured financial institution; to specify that all or a portion of such currency seized may be deposited; to specify the conditions under which such currency maybe deposited; to specify the conditions of disbursement of the currency; and to provide for disbursement of the interest from deposits to the county general fund. *RFD: Madison County Legislation*

Pre-trial Diversion Program (City of Huntsville) - HB452 by Rep. McCutcheon would allow the City of Huntsville to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic

operating standards for the program; to authorize the city to contract for services related to the pretrial diversion program; to establish eligibility requirements for participation in the program; to require a participant to enter into a written agreement stating the conditions of participation; to authorize the city council to establish fees assessed to a participant in the program; to provide for disbursement of fees; to provide for the indigency of an applicant; and to provide immunity to certain persons. *RFD: Madison County Legislation*

Medicaid Agency – HB454 by Rep. McClendon would provide for the delivery of health care services under the Medicaid program on a managed care basis through the Medicaid Agency or through regional care organizations or alternate care providers that would operate in not more than eight geographic Medicaid regions. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Tax Increment Districts – HB455 by Rep. Davis would authorize a municipality or county to designate certain real property as a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone; provide requirements to qualify as a zone and provide that projects within the zone could be financed with ad valorem tax increments; provide that property within the zone would be developed for certain manufacturing purposes and would provide incentives for certain manufacturing projects that commit to develop or expand within the zone. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Controlled Substances – HB456 by Rep. Hubbard, J. would add the synthetic drug commonly referred to as 25-I or 25I-NBOMe to the list of banned controlled substances. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Public Buildings – HB457 by Rep. Jones would specify that any green building standard used for construction or major renovation of public buildings by state and local governments would be required to use certain forest certification standards for wood consistent with standards used in the forest industry in this state. *RFD: Agriculture & Forestry*

Voter Registration Lists – HB460 by Rep. Scott would require a county board of registrars to notify all persons who are purged from the voter registration list at the time their name is removed from the list. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Workers' Compensation – HB461 by Rep. Scott would increase the burial expenses paid by an employer, if a covered employee dies as a result of an employment related accident or occupational disease; increase amount \$3,000 to \$6,500. *RFD: Insurance*

Alabama Title Loan Act (Unfunded Mandate) – HB462 by Rep. Scott would create the "Alabama Title Loan Act." The bill would provide legislative intent. The bill would require licensure by the State Banking Department for a person to act as a title loan lender. *RFD: Financial Services*

Mobile Home Parks (Unfunded Mandate) – HB465 by Rep. Colston would require each owner of a manufactured or mobile home park to include a Federal Emergency Management Administration 361 approved safe room to accommodate the residents of the park during inclement weather. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Junk Yards – HB466 by Rep. Greer would adopt the federal definition and define "primary system" for the purposes of junkyard regulations as any highway on the National Highway System, including interstate highways. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Municipal Budgets – HB470 by Rep. Scott would require the governing body of a county or municipality to provide online access to its annual budget and to submit the budget to the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Driver's License Suspension – HB471 by Rep. McClammy would authorize a court to allow a person whose driver's license has been suspended for certain offenses to receive a restricted license from the Department of Public Safety to allow the person to travel to and from the person's residence and place of employment, as well as to and from other locations. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Sex Offenders – HB472 by Rep. Poole would make technical revisions to the Alabama Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act and would update internal citations in various sections of the Code of Alabama 1975 to reflect the appropriate section under current law. *RFD: Judiciary*

Supplemental Appropriation (City of Montgomery) – HB473 by Rep. Wren would make a supplemental appropriation from the Insurance Department Fund in the State Treasury to the Department of Insurance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

Alcoholic Beverages (City of Wetumpka) – HB474 by Rep. Mask would authorize the sale of draft or keg beer or malt beverages by properly licensed retail licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and providing for a referendum. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages (City of Wetumpka) – HB475 by Rep. Mask would authorize elections to determine whether alcoholic beverages may be sold or dispensed by restaurants, hotels, and nightclubs that are properly licensed retail licensees serving the general public within the city for on-premises consumption on Sunday. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Driving Under the Influence – HB477 by Rep. Farley would authorize the Department of Public Safety to withdraw the 90-day suspension of a person's driver's license for a first conviction of driving under the influence if the judge orders the offender or the offender elects to have an ignition interlock device installed and operating on the designated motor vehicle and is issued a restricted license. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Court Costs (Clay County) – HB478 by Rep. Laird would remove the Clay County Commission's authorization to impose this fee on any case filed in a municipal court in Clay County and authorize the governing body of a municipality to impose the same fee on each civil and criminal case filed in the municipal court; provide that the municipal court fee would be retained by the municipality where collected. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Recording Fees (Shelby County) – HB480 by Rep. Hill would amend Section 7 of Act 248, of the 1975 Regular Session (Acts 1975, p. 778), as last amended by Act 2010-530, 2010 Regular

Session (Acts 2010, p. 890), relating to the office of the judge of probate and providing for a special recording fee on real property and personal property instruments, so as to further provide for the fee and distribution of the additional fee. *RFD: Shelby County Legislation*

Subdivision Speed Limits (Shelby County) – HB481 by Rep. Hill would provide for the speed limit and the setting of speed limits on county roads in a platted subdivision or development in the unincorporated areas of the county; and to specify that violations would be subject to existing penalties provided by law. *RFD: Shelby County Legislation*

Public Initiatives (Constitutional Amendment) – HB487 by Rep. Ball would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to provide that the people also may propose the enactment of general laws and constitutional amendments by an initiative measure subject to the same limitations imposed on the Legislature and that the Legislature may offer an alternate proposal. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Medicaid Funding – HB490 by Rep. Clouse would extend the private hospital assessment and Medicaid funding program for fiscal years 2014 and 2015; provide that state-owned and public hospitals shall make intergovernmental transfers to the Medicaid Agency to be used to fund payments for inpatient and outpatient care and would provide that state-owned and public hospital certified public expenditures shall be for the hospital's uncompensated care and shall be used to pay the hospital its disproportionate share payments. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Education Accountability Act – HB492 by Rep. Buskey would repeal the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013. *RFD: Education Policy*

Pre-Trial Diversion Programs – HB494 by Rep. Hill would allow any district attorney or municipality throughout the state without a local act to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and would set basic operating standards for the program. This bill would provide for judicial oversight into the approval of the disposition of the criminal charge. This bill would provide for the voluntary application of an offender, represented by an attorney, into the pretrial diversion program and that any agreement shall be approved by the court. This bill would provide for program fees and their distribution. *RFD: Judiciary*

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Pretrial Diversion Program (Geneva County) - HB495 by Rep. Chesteen would allow municipalities in Geneva County that have a municipal court, city attorney, and police department to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sex Education - HB496 by Rep. Todd would remove from the minimum contents the emphasis that homosexuality is not an acceptable lifestyle and the emphasis that homosexual conduct is a criminal act; require that all material taught be done in a culturally sensitive manner. *RFD: Education Policy*

Sales Tax (Crenshaw County) - HB497 by Rep. Newton, C. would authorize the county commission to levy a one-half percent sales and use tax increase to be distributed to the Association of Volunteer Fire Departments for eligible fire departments and emergency medical service organizations and to the county commission for public safety purposes. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Health Center Access - HB499 by Rep. Wren would provide for the establishment, operations and funding of the Health Center Access and Quality Improvement Program, would provide for an assessment on qualified health centers in Alabama to be administered by the Department of Revenue; would create a Health Center Assessment Account and require health center assessments be deposited in that account for use by the Alabama Medicaid Agency to obtain matching federal funds; would provide that the program shall terminate on September 30, 2016; would provide that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) must approve changes to the Medicaid State Plan associated with the creation, operation, and funding of the Health Center Access and Quality Improvement Program before the assessment program is put into place; would establish and set out responsibilities of the Health Center Services and Reimbursement Panel. *RFD: Health*

Sales Tax Exemption - HB502 by Rep. Bridges would exempt the Arc of Alabama and its affiliated chapters from paying state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes and exempt all property owned by the organization from state, county, and local ad valorem taxation. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Warrant Recall Fees (Town of Silverhill) - HB504 by Rep. Faust provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or judge for the Town of Silverhill to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Public Education Employees - HB506 by Rep. Love would increase the salaries of public K-12 education employees; require the Department of Finance, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to implement a program to purchase or provide a policy of education employee liability insurance to insure certificated personnel and support personnel employed by a local board of education and student teachers and would authorize the Department of Finance to implement and administer the provisions of this act. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

School Resource Officers (Etowah County) - HB513 by Rep. Ford would allow retired law enforcement officers to serve on a part-time basis as school resource officers in schools in Etowah County; and to require part-time school resource officers to be certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission but to waive certification and recertification requirements relating to physical qualifications. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Oil & Gas Proceeds - HB514 by Rep. Grimsley would allow the proceeds of the four-cent excise tax on gasoline and lubricating oil distributed to counties to be used for vegetation management on the rights-of-way of county roads; clarify the uses for the four-cent excise tax and repeal an obsolete section of the Code of Alabama 1975. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Absentee Voting - HB516 by Rep. Johnson, R. would change certain absentee voting deadlines concerning the qualification and certification of candidates running for office, printing and distribution of ballots, and contesting nominations in order to facilitate compliance with state and federal law pertaining to individuals voting by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Public School & College Authority Bonds - HB517 by Rep. Bracy would authorize the Alabama Public School and College Authority to sell and issue up to \$20,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of bonds in addition to all other bonds previously issued by the authority for the purpose of providing funds to rebuild and equip Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama, that suffered tornado damage on December 25, 2012. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Weed Abatement (Madison County) - HB518 by Rep. Patterson would authorize the Madison County Commission to adopt a resolution to provide procedures for the abatement of weeds in platted subdivisions outside the corporate limits of any municipality in the county. *RFD: Madison County Legislation*

Educators' Associations - HB519 by Rep. Patterson would require a public school district or any employee of a public school district, as well as a public two-year or four-year institution of higher learning or any employee of such an institution, to grant all professional educators' associations the same level of access to employees of the public school district or institution. *RFD: Education Policy*

Tax Exemption - HB521 by Rep. Knight would exempt Special Olympics Alabama, Incorporated, from the payment of state, county, and municipal taxes, licenses, fees, and charges. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Alcoholic Beverages – HB522 by Rep. Ison would allow a person who is on active duty, in active reserve status, or retired from the armed forces of the United States, or the dependent of such person to have an unlimited quantity of alcoholic beverages purchased from a military liquor store or in-state liquor stores. *RFD: Military & Veterans Affairs*

Fiscal Year Established (Class 1 Municipality) – HB523 by Rep. Givan would authorize the governing body of a Class 1 municipality to adopt an ordinance that would permit the city to adopt a fiscal year that begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 and provide specifications for transition to a new fiscal year. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Low Speed Vehicles (Unfunded Mandate) – HB525 by Rep. McMillan would define low speed vehicle and would authorize the limited operation of low speed vehicles on municipal public streets; specify safety and operation standards for a low speed vehicle operating on a municipal public street; provide that a person must possess a valid driver's license in order to operate a low speed vehicle on a municipal public street; authorize a municipality to enact an ordinance regarding the low speed vehicle operation and equipment that is more restrictive than the restrictions enumerated herein.

Substitute Education Employees – HB526 by Rep. Williams, J. would provide that the term "employment" for purposes of qualifying for unemployment compensation does not include services performed as a substitute employee in a school. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Driving Under the Influence (Unfunded Mandate) – HB527 by Rep. Johnson, W. would provide that a person convicted of driving a motor vehicle with at least 0.15 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his or her blood may be ordered to abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages and to wear a continuous alcohol monitoring device for a period of up to one year. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Tax Exemption - HB528 by Rep. Weaver would exempt the Evangel Presbyterian Church of Alabaster, Alabama, from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Alcoholic Beverages - HB530 by Rep. Mask would create an additional license for the sale of beer and other alcoholic beverages brewed on premises; allow the sale of the beer and other alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption; establish the terms and conditions of the sale of the beer and other alcoholic beverages; levy an additional license fee on each license issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Business Licenses (Calhoun County) - HB532 by Wood would establish a county business license for persons engaged in commercial door-to-door sales promotion of products or services for profit; to establish requirements for and the process to obtain a door-to-door sales license and the fees for the license; to provide penalties for violations; to amend Sections 45-8-70.01 and 45-8-241, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide an automobile allowance for the commissioner of licenses; to provide a citation fee for persons cited for failure to pay a county business license. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Public Employee Retirement (City of Montgomery) - HB533 by Rep. Wren would combine, amend, and restate Act 2009-473, 2009 Regular Session (Acts 2009, p. 839), as amended, to change the retirement age, creditable service requirements, distribution options, employee contributions, and benefits for certain employees who become members of the system on or after October 1, 2013; implement a new cash balance plan for certain employees who become members of the system on or after October 1, 2013, provide certain employees who were members of the system before October 1, 2013, an option to elect to participate in the new cash balance plan, to authorize the board, with the mayor's approval, increase the number of years of creditable service to qualify for a disability retirement allowance or eliminate the disability retirement under any or all of the retirement plans; eliminate certain historical information no longer necessary; clarify the board's authority to hire outside legal advisors and auditors; provide minimum qualifications for the auditors hired by the system; add provisions required to comply with the Internal Revenue Code; update the method of calculating the contributions by the city; eliminate certain provisions dealing with mandatory retirement; and define and redefine certain terms applicable to the system. *RFD: Montgomery County Legislation*

Gas Tax Distribution (Calhoun County) - HB534 by Rep. Boyd would repeal Act No. 393, 1971 Regular Session (Acts 1971, p. 680), relating to the distribution of a portion of the Calhoun County share of the state gasoline excise tax to incorporated municipalities in the county. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Public Education - HB535 by Rep. Scott would require a city board of education to be audited by July 31 of each year, to provide online access to its audit report, and to submit the audit report to the Department of Education; authorize a circuit judge of the judicial circuit in which a city or county board of education is located to compel the city or county board of education to conduct an audit or submit the audit report to the Department of Education within a time period prescribed by the circuit judge; require the Department of Education to provide online access to the audit report of a city or county board of education that does not have a website and keep a database of city and county boards of education audit records to ensure that each city and county board of education complies with this act. *RFD: Education Policy*

Municipal Financial Audit Publication - HB536 by Rep. Scott would require the governing body of a municipality to provide online access to its audit report and to submit the report to the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts; authorize a circuit judge of the judicial circuit in which a municipality is located to compel the mayor of the municipality to conduct an audit or to compel the governing body of the municipality to submit the audit report to the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts within a time period prescribed by the circuit judge; require the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to provide online access to the audit report of a county and of a municipality that does not have a website and keep a database of county and municipal audit records to ensure that each county and municipality complies with this act. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Electronic Traffic Enforcement (City of Center Point) - HB537 by Rep. Payne would authorize automated traffic safety law enforcement in the City of Center Point, Alabama, as a civil violation; providing certain procedures to be followed by the City using automated photographic traffic enforcement; providing that the owner of the vehicle involved in running a traffic light, stop sign, or violating the speed limit in the City of Center Point is presumptively liable for a civil violation and the payment of a specified fine, but providing procedures to contest liability; providing for jurisdiction in Jefferson County and the City of Center Point over such civil violations and allowing petitions for judicial review in the Jefferson County Circuit Court for trial de novo; creating a cause of action for any person held responsible for payment of the fine against the person who was actually operating a vehicle during the commission of a civil violation defined in this act. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Contractors Licensing - HB538 by Rep. Butler would specify that the same limitation of liability of a general contractor or subcontractor, or both, would apply if the current license number of a subcontractor is submitted with a bid. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Unemployment Compensation - HB539 by Rep. Warren would increase the weekly maximum benefit an individual can receive as unemployment compensation amount to \$275 beginning July 5, 2013, and to \$285 beginning July 5, 2014. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Road Maintenance (Constitutional Amendment) - HB542 by Rep. Tuggle would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the total amount of bonding authority granted under Amendment 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to provide for additional payments from the Alabama Trust Fund to fund any bonds issued; to provide for competitive bidding of the bonds; to require the Bond Commission to contract with businesses or individuals which reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the state; and to provide for the use of the proceeds for plans, construction, and maintenance of Alabama National Guard armories. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

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Abandoned Property (Butler County) - HB545 by Rep. Newton, C. would authorize the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property at public auction; providing for such an auction and for the disposition of proceeds; and authorizing the sheriff to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Motor Vehicles Liens - HB548 by Rep. Wood would provide that for purposes of transferring a motor vehicle that is 12 or more model years old for the purpose of scrapping, dismantling, or destroying the motor vehicle, a lien is considered satisfied in three years and a release is not required; require effective January 1, 2014, all lien releases to be electronically submitted to the Department of Revenue within 10 days of the release. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Community Development - HB549 by Rep. Barton would provide that if a municipality annexes a community development district or if a community development district is incorporated as a municipality, the territory of the community development district remains wet and any remaining portion of the municipality, at the discretion of the governing body of the municipality, shall be wet. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Cannabis - HB550 by Rep. Todd would allow the possession, use, and cultivation of limited amounts of cannabis for personal use by persons 21 years of age or older; would authorize the Department of Revenue to regulate the cultivation, processing, packaging, testing, transportation, display, and sale of cannabis and cannabis accessories; would prohibit the sale of cannabis except by regulated retail cannabis stores; and would provide for a tax on the sale of cannabis; authorize the medical use of cannabis for certain qualifying patients who have been diagnosed by a physician as having a serious medical condition. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Corporate Limits (Town of Lake View) - HB522 by Rep. Merrill would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Lake View in Tuscaloosa County; to add certain property to the municipality of Lake View; to make certain findings in regard to the public necessity for the annexation; and to provide that the municipality shall exercise full authority over the annexed territory. *RFD: Tuscaloosa County Legislation*

Abandoned Property (Wilcox County) - HB553 by Rep. Colston would authorize the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property at public auction; providing for such an auction and for the disposition of proceeds; and authorizing the sheriff to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Bingo Machines (Macon County) - HB554 by Rep. Warren would provide that the game of bingo may be played in Macon County on any electronic machine that is programmed to play in the same manner as machines used by Indian tribes in this state under federal law. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sherriff's Officers (Wilcox County) - HB556 by Rep. Colston would provide that the sheriff may provide to a law enforcement officer of the sheriff's office, upon retirement, a retired badge and service pistol. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Health Care Foundations (Unfunded Mandate) - HB557 by Rep. Scott would provide that each county of this state would be the responsible agency for health care transportation, hospital care, or primary health care provider to indigent patients domiciled in that county for a certain period of time; create a County Indigent Health Care Board and provide for its powers and duties; create a statewide Working Poor and Indigent Fund and provide for the disbursement of the proceeds in the fund; create a County Indigent Hospital Claims Fund and provide for the disbursement of the proceeds in the fund. *RFD: Health*

Tobacco Tax (Randolph County) - HB558 by Rep. Laird would amend Sections 3 and 6 of Act 2003-213 of the 2003 Regular Session (Acts 2003, p. 541), as last amended by Act 2010-402 of the 2010 Regular Session (Acts 2010, p. 663), providing an additional tax on tobacco and tobacco products in the county; to further provide for the collection and distribution of the tax. *RFD: Local Legislation*

School Flexibility Act - HB559 by Rep. Ford would authorize the establishment of innovative schools and school systems in the State of Alabama; allow the State Board of Education to enter into a school flexibility contract with a local school system to allow for programmatic flexibility or budgetary flexibility, or both, from state laws, including State Board of Education rules, regulations, and policies in exchange for academic and associated goals for students that focus on college and career readiness. *RFD: Education Policy*

Medical Cost Disclosure Act - HB560 by Rep. Greeson would require health care providers to furnish a patient, prospective patient, his or her physician, or authorized agent with a written estimate of the prospective costs for non-emergency health care services upon request; require health care providers to itemize and explain in the medical bill any costs that exceed the written estimate; authorize the Department of Public Health to promulgate rules. *RFD: Health*

Medicaid Funding - HB563 by Rep. Clouse would extend the private hospital assessment and Medicaid funding program for fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018; provide that state-owned and public hospitals shall make intergovernmental transfers to the Medicaid Agency to be used to fund payments for inpatient and outpatient care and would provide that state-owned and public hospital certified public expenditures shall be for the hospital's uncompensated care and shall be used to pay the hospital its disproportionate share payments. *RFD: Ways & Means General Fund*

Voting Centers (Pike County) - HB564 by Rep. Boothe would establish an additional voting center in the county. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Curriculum Standards - HB565 by Rep. Barton would prohibit the State Board of Education from adopting and the State Department of Education from implementing the Common Core Standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative; clarify that the State Board of Education retains the sole authority to develop and adopt these standards independent of the federal government or other agency or entity outside of the state. *RFD: Education Policy*

Attorney Fees - HB566 by Rep. Henry would provide that in all civil actions, the court shall award attorney's fees as part of the cost to the prevailing party; provide that a prevailing party may bring an action against another party for abuse of process arising in any part on the same facts in the action in which attorney's fees were awarded; however, the prevailing party may not recover the same attorney's fees twice. *RFD: Judiciary*

Court Costs (Baldwin County) - HB567 by Rep. McMillan would amend Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing additional court costs in the county, to further provide for the expiration of the court costs. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Official Duties (Baldwin County) - HB568 by Rep. Davis would provide that the offices of the revenue commissioner, judge of probate, and sheriff shall not be assessed for monetary loss resulting from the performance of official duties for errors or mistakes made in good faith. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Corporate Limits (Town of Woodland) - HB569 by Rep. Laird would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Woodland in Randolph County. *RFD: Local Legislation*

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Firearms - HB570 by Rep. Henry would provide for the possession of a pistol in a motor vehicle and would provide that the mere presence of a pistol in a vehicle does not create a presumption that the pistol is concealed; establish a rebuttable presumption that the carrying of a firearm under certain conditions does not, in and of itself, constitute the crime of disorderly conduct; provide for the issuance of a lifetime vehicle-only permit authorizing a person to carry a pistol in a vehicle. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Sales Tax (Dallas County) - HB571 by Rep. Melton would levy an additional sales tax on liquor sold in the county by entities licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; providing for the tax; and prescribing a delinquent monetary penalty for a violation of this act. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Marriage Ceremony - (St. Clair County) HB572 by Rep. McClendon would provide additional fees for marriage ceremonies performed by the Judge of Probate of St. Clair County. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Expense Allowance (St. Clair County) - HB573 by Rep. McClendon would amend Section 1 of Act 80-195 of the 1980 Regular Session (Acts 1980, p. 270), to further provide for the expense allowance for the judge of probate. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Community Development Commission (Franklin County) - HB574 by Rep. Morrow would amend Act 2008-74 of the 2008 Regular Session (Acts 2008, p. 95), establishing the Community Development Commission; to further provide for the member of the commission representing municipalities in the county. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Animal Disposal (Madison County) - HB576 by Rep. Patterson would authorize the Madison County Commission to provide for the disposition of certain dead animals; and to provide for a fee. *RFD: Madison County Legislation*

Alcoholic Beverages (City of Boaz) - HB577 by Rep. Rich would authorize the sale of draft or keg beer or malt beverages by properly licensed retail licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sherriff's Deputies (Cherokee County) - HB579 by Rep. Lindsey would provide that the sheriff may provide to a law enforcement officer of the sheriff's office, upon retirement, a retired badge and service pistol. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Polygraph Licensure Board - HB580 by Rep. Treadaway would authorize the use of a computer voice stress analyzer for truth verification; exempt city, county, and state employees, acting within their official capacities, from licensure by the board.

Pistol Permit Fee (Jefferson County) - HB581 by Rep. Farley would amend Act 99-594 of the 1999 Regular Session (Acts 1999, p. 1363), relating to the pistol permit fee the sheriff is required to charge, to provide that the distribution of the fee to the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation Office would be distributed to the county general fund; to provide that any current balance distributed to the delegation office would be transferred to the county general fund for law enforcement purposes; and to repeal any conflicting laws. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Volunteer Fire Districts (Marshall County) - HB582 by Rep. Rich would provide that the Marshall County Commission, under certain conditions, may establish volunteer fire districts for the purpose of preventing fires or for fire protection or for recognized scopes of practice of fire departments; to provide for the manner in which a district may be formed; to authorize a referendum in each fire district to provide funding for the district through a fire protection service fee on each occupied residence, dwelling, or business; to provide for certain exemptions for the service fee; to provide for the collection and distribution of the funds derived from the service fee; to provide for the expending and accounting of funds; to provide for the treatment of funds upon dissolution or abandonment of a volunteer fire district; and to provide that the county shall be immune from certain liability. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Lodging Tax Exemptions - HB584 by Rep. Baughn would exempt the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., and rescue squads that are members in good standing of the association from state and local lodging taxes. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

Lease Tax (Baldwin County) - HB586 by Rep. McMillan would amend Section 45-2-244.183 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the use of the portion of the proceeds from a privilege or license tax on the leasing or renting of tangible personal property distributed to the Historic Blakeley Authority. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

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Municipal Business License Exemption - HB587 by Rep. Williams, J. would specify that for purposes of the municipal business license tax, a qualified home health care or hospice agency would only be required to purchase a municipal business license for its headquarters or any branch office that it maintains within the state. In addition, a health care employee or other agent or representative of a qualified home health care or hospice agency would not be required to purchase a business license from a municipality or its agent, including a private auditing firm, merely because the person visits a patient whose residence or the health care facility in which they are being treated is located within that municipality. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Public Schools - HB588 by Rep. Butler would create the Alabama Student Religious Liberties Act of 2013; prohibit school districts from discriminating against a student or parent on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression in public schools; require school districts to allow religious expression in class assignments, coursework, and artwork; require school districts to provide students with the freedom to organize religious groups and activities; require school districts to adopt and implement a policy regarding a limited public forum and voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints. *RFD: Education Policy*

Corporate Limits (City of Double Springs) - HB589 by Rep. McMillan would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Double Springs in Winston County; and to provide for a referendum. *RFD: Local Legislation*

ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS - HB590 by Rep. Williams, D. would authorize an administrative official of a governmental entity involved in the administration of a public health, safety, and general welfare law to seek and obtain from a judicial officer an administrative warrant in order to enter upon premises and conduct an inspection authorized by the law; provide procedures for the issuance and execution of the warrant and the use of evidence discovered during an inspection conducted under the authority of the warrant; provide that any person who willfully obstructs or aids in the obstruction of an inspection authorized by a warrant issued pursuant to this act is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

License Inspector (Morgan County) - HB591 by Rep. Collins provide that the Morgan County Deputy License Inspector has the same power and authority as deputy sheriffs and other law enforcement officers in this state if the inspector satisfies certain certification and eligibility requirements. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Coroner (Morgan County) - HB592 by Rep. Collins would repeal Section 5 of Act 2008-86, 2008 Regular Session (Acts 2008, p. 112), allowing the Coroner of Morgan County to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sunday Alcohol Sales (City of Dothan) - HB593 by Rep. Grimsley authorize the sale of certain alcoholic beverages in the city on certain days and providing for a referendum. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sherriff Expense Allowance (Monroe County) - HB597 by Rep. Shiver would provide for the expense allowance and compensation of the sheriff. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Sexual Exploitation - HB598 by Rep. Williams, J. would provide a safe harbor provision in current law for a child who engages in the act of prostitution by providing that a sexually exploited child may not be adjudicated delinquent or convicted of a crime of prostitution, but that the child may be adjudicated a child in need of supervision or a dependent child; prohibit the transfer of a case involving a sexually exploited child who commits an act of prostitution from the jurisdiction of juvenile court to any adult court; provide that a juvenile court retains jurisdiction over a sexually exploited child and may issue any requisite order or conduct any hearing necessary to protect the health or safety of a sexually exploited child that is determined to be in the best interests of the child. *RFD: Children & Senior Advocacy*

Business Tax Credits – HB599 by Williams, P. would provide a carry forward of capital credit for a period of five years for projects exceeding fifty million dollars in capital costs and fifty jobs for new employees. *RFD: Economic Development & Tourism*

School Resource Officers (Etowah County) – HB600 by Rep. Ford would allow retired law enforcement officers to serve on a part-time basis as school resource officers in schools in Etowah County; and to require part-time school resource officers to be certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission but to waive certification and recertification requirements relating to physical qualifications and continuing education other than firearms and use-of-force training. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Judge of Probate (Dallas County) – HB601 by Rep. Colston would provide for a salary increase for the judge of probate. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Voter Registration Lists – HB603 by Rep. Sanderford would eliminate the requirement to publish these lists and notices, except the lists of voters to be removed, and have this information posted on the county website, or if there is no website maintained by the county, on the website of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama; require that this information would be available for review upon request at no cost and that the county place a display advertisement at least one-half page in size in some newspaper of general circulation in the county providing information about where the lists and notices are available; limit payment to one list per election. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Sales & Use Tax Exemption – HB604 by Rep. Lee would provide sales and use tax exemption under certain conditions for the gross receipts or gross proceeds from the sale or the storage, use, or consumption of ground support equipment and vehicles used in connection with the conversion, reconfiguration, or maintenance of certain aircraft in the state. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Law Enforcement Training – HB606 by Rep. Grimsley would require the executive level continuing education courses for each chief of police of any municipality to consist of two hours of instruction on dealing with mentally ill patients; require the continuing education courses for each law enforcement officer to consist of one hour of instruction on dealing with mentally ill patients. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Open Records Act – HB608 by Rep. Grimsley would give a time limit for a government official to respond to a request of a citizen regarding a public record or records. *RFD: State Government*

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Oil & Gas Severance Tax (Baldwin County) - HB609 by Rep. McMillan would amend Section 45-2-245.20 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize Baldwin County to borrow from the Baldwin County Oil and Gas Severance Tax Trust Fund and the trustees to loan the trust fund to Baldwin County. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Crime of Harassment (Unfunded Mandate) – HB610 by Rep. Johnson, R. would authorize a person convicted of the misdemeanor criminal offense of harassment in the circuit or district court pursuant to Section 13A-11-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to petition the court in which the charges were filed to have his or her records expunged under certain conditions. *RFD: Judiciary*

Unemployment Compensation – HB611 by Rep. Moore, B. would clarify that the amount of benefits payable to an individual under these circumstances shall be reduced only if the payment is made under a plan that is maintained or contributed to by a base period employer, 100 percent employer-financed, and not contributed to by the worker. *RFD: State Government*

Public Schools – HB612 by Rep. Treadaway would establish the Secure School Facilities Act; authorizes the Alabama Public School and College Authority to sell and issue up to \$50,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of additional bonds to provide funds for building renovations for local boards of education. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

Lodging Tax (Elmore County) – HB615 by Rep. Mask would authorize the county commission to levy a lodging tax in the county; to provide for the collection of the tax; and to provide for distribution of the proceeds. *RFD: Local Legislation*

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Revenue Commissioner (Madison County) – HB616 by Rep. Ball would provide for the establishment of a consolidated and unified system for assessment and collection of taxes under

the supervision of an elected county official designated as the county revenue commissioner; providing for the election, power, duties, term of office, and compensation of the official; abolishing the offices of tax assessor and tax collector; and providing that the substantive provisions of the act shall become effective on approval of the electors. *RFD: Madison County Legislation*

Litigation Expenses – HB618 by Rep. Williams, J. would specify that the costs that may be awarded along with attorneys' fees are litigation expenses; would allow a court to award litigation expenses against a party who is appearing without an attorney and brings a civil action or asserts a civil claim or defense without substantial justification; no longer allow a court to consider the relative financial position of the parties involved when determining whether to award attorneys' fees or litigation expenses; allow for the appeal of a court order granting or refusing to grant an award of attorneys' fees or litigation expenses. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Taxation Reallocation – HB619 by Rep. Williams, J. would provide for the reallocation of the proceeds of that portion of a county sales tax which is earmarked for indigent care; provide for the termination of the reallocation of the county sales tax. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Tax Exemption – HB620 by Rep. Grimsley would exempt the Ordinary People Society, Inc., from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. *RFD: Ways & Means Education*

TVA Disbursement (DeKalb County) – HB621 by Rep. Greeson would amend Section 45-25-160.03, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for the distribution of certain TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments received by the county; to further increase the share going to the DeKalb County Economic Development Authority for the fiscal years beginning October 1, 2013, 2014, and 2015. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Incorporation Limits (City of Tuskegee) – HB622 by Rep. Warren would amend Act 79-132 of the 1979 Regular Session (Acts 1979, p.238), annexing certain property to the city; to provide that the annexation of one of the tracts does not affect the police jurisdiction of the city. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Jail Store Proceeds (Bibb County) – HB623 by Rep. Weaver would authorize the sheriff to operate a jail store for prisoners in county custody; providing for the deposit of the proceeds in the county general fund earmarked for an increase in salaries in the sheriff's department. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Taxation – HB624 by Rep. Long would exempt all individual tangible taxable assets with an original acquisition cost of \$250 or less from ad valorem taxation. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Municipal Utility Board (City of Albertville) – HB625 by Rep. Rich would repeal Act 1943-287, 1943 Regular Session (Acts 1943, p. 165), as amended, providing for the creation,

organization and operation of the Municipal Utilities Board of Albertville. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Voter Registration – HB626 by Rep. Melton would allow a person to register to vote on any day a board of registrars maintains office hours including the day of any election; authorize the Secretary of State to adopt rules to implement this change. *RFD: Constitution, Campaigns & Elections*

Public Transit System (Jefferson County) – HB627 by Rep. Scott would allow Jefferson County to create and maintain a public transit system. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Municipal Preemption – HB628 by Rep. Greeson would specify that a political subdivision in this state may not require an employer to grant vacation or other leave to employees of the employer. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Special Recording Fees (Fayette County) – HB630 by Rep. Boman amend Section 8 of Act 86-309 and Sections 1 and 2 of Act 90-191, now appearing as Section 45-29-83.47, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the special recording and indexing fee and to provide for additional filings upon which the judge of probate shall collect the fee. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Public Assistance - HB631 by Rep. Patterson would prohibit certain fraudulent conduct in obtaining public assistance under any state or federally funded public assistance program and would provide penalties. *RFD: State Government*

Solid Waste Fees (Wilcox County) – HB633 by Rep. Colston would provide for the tax assessor, tax collector, and judge of probate to assist the county commission in the collection of solid waste fees. *RFD: Local Legislation*

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Sheriff Expense Allowance (Geneva County) - HB634 by Rep. Chesteen would provide for the compensation and expense allowance of the sheriff; and to provide for retroactive effect. *RFD: Local Legislation*

Warrant Recall Fees (Jefferson County) – HB635 by Rep. Moore, M. would provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or municipal judge for the City of Fultondale to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Prisoner Transport Fee (Jefferson County) – HB636 by Rep. Todd would provide under certain conditions for the assessment of a prisoner transport fee on a prisoner for expenses incurred in transporting a prisoner, due to an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, to the municipal jail for the City of Irondale. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Warrant Recall Fees (City of Irondale) – HB637 by Rep. Todd would provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or municipal judge for the City of Irondale to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Irondale) – HB638 by Rep. Todd would allow the City of Irondale to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Motor Vehicles – HB639 by Rep. Treadaway would prohibit a dump truck from operating on any highway, road, or street in this state with the bed of the truck in the up position and would provide penalties. *RFD: Public Safety & Homeland Security*

Outdoor Advertising – HB640 by Rep. Beech would amend Section 23-1-271 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to outdoor advertising control on certain federally funded highways; to further define "business area," "primary highway," and "unzoned commercial, business, or industrial area;" and to amend Section 23-1-274 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for spacing of outdoor advertising consistent with federal requirements. *RFD: Transportation, Utilities & Infrastructure*

Public Employees – HB641 by Rep. Roberts would require every public employee to receive on an annual basis a statement summarizing the value of all benefits received by the employee from his or her employer and of the cost of such benefits to the employer. *RFD: State Government*

Tax Proceeds (Baldwin County Constitutional Amendment) – HB642 by Rep. McMillan would provide that a portion of the proceeds from the existing ad valorem tax on motor vehicles currently distributed to the county volunteer fire departments and volunteer municipal fire departments located in Baldwin County instead would be distributed to the Baldwin Community and Economic Development Foundation, Inc. *RFD: Baldwin County Legislation*

Towing Companies (Unfunded Mandate) – HB643 by Rep. Williams, J. would limit the rates charged by towing companies to tow and store vehicles under certain circumstances; require a towing company operator to obtain approval of its towing and storage rates from the Department of Public Safety; provide civil and criminal penalties for towing companies who charge excessive rates in violation of the act and who fail to obtain approval of towing and storage rates. *RFD: Commerce & Small Business*

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Fultondale) – HB644 by Rep. Treadaway would allow the City of Fultondale to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Hoover) – HB645 by Rep. Williams, J. would allow the City of Hoover to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program. *RFD: Jefferson County Legislation*

Stolen Property (Unfunded Mandate) – HB646 by Rep. Beckman would provide that the receipt of a stolen firearm that does not exceed \$500 in value also constitutes the crime of receiving stolen property in the second degree and is a Class C felony. *RFD: Judiciary*

Water Works Boards – HB647 by Rep. DeMarco would apply to any municipal water works board that serves water customers in any county other than the county where the authorizing municipality is principally located; provide for the appointment of an additional board member by the county commission of any county where water customers are served by the board other than the county where the authorizing municipality is principally located; limit the term of all board members to two six-year terms, limit the compensation and expense allowance of the board members, specify that the board members would be covered by the State Ethics Law, and provide for notice and a public hearing prior to adoption of any rate increase. *RFD: County & Municipal Government*

Municipal Pretrial Diversion Programs – HB648 by Rep. Jones would allow the governing body of any municipality to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and would set basic operating standards for the program. *RFD: Judiciary*