

Bills of Interest to Municipalities Introduced This Session

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Senate Bills of Interest Day 1 of the Regular Session

Sales Tax Threshold Liability - SB2 by Senator Taylor would increase the average monthly tax liability threshold for a taxpayer to be required to make estimated payments to \$2,500 or greater. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

MAYOR VACANCY PROCEDURES - SB5 by Senator Brewbaker would specify that Section 11-4G-2 would not apply to municipalities which have a population of 12,000 or more. The council president would succeed to any vacancy in the office of mayor in these municipalities as provided in Section 11-43-42(a). *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Alcohol Prohibition - SB7 by Senator Orr would prohibit a recipient of public assistance benefits from using public assistance benefits to purchase any alcoholic beverage, tobacco product, or lottery ticket and provide penalties for violations, including the suspension of benefits; prohibit a person or a business entity from accepting public assistance benefits held on electronic benefit transfer cards for the purchase of any alcoholic beverage or tobacco product and would include civil fines and other penalties for violations; prohibit a recipient of public assistance benefits from withdrawing or using public assistance benefits in a retail establishment that primarily sells alcoholic beverages, a casino, a tattoo facility, a facility providing psychic services, or other establishment that provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in an unclothed state and provides penalties for violations, including the suspension of benefits; and create the Public Assistance Integrity Fund for the deposit of all civil fines collected pursuant to the act for use by the Department of Human Resources and the Attorney General for costs associated with the prevention of misuse of public assistance benefits, including, but not limited to, administration, oversight, training, and enforcement related activities. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Legislative Recall (Constitutional Amendment) SB12 by Senator Bedford would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the Legislature to provide by general law for recall of elected state officials. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Alabama Trust Fund – SB13 by Senator Taylor 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

School Bus Trespass (Unfunded Mandate) – SB15 by Senator Ward would establish the crime of trespass on a school bus in the first degree. *RFD: Judiciary*

School Bus Safety - SB21 by Senator Holley 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; 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. Any person who becomes responsible for payment of the civil fine would not have the violation entered on the driver's history, not suffer other adverse consequences so long as the civil fine is timely paid, and insurance companies could not use a violation to set or change insurance rates. Failure to timely pay a civil fine would result in civil collection efforts by a county or a municipal board of education. *RFD: Judiciary*

Firearms Transportation – SB24 by Senator Bedford 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; authorize certain persons who are injured or who incur damages as a result of a violation of the act to file a civil action for damages, including an award of attorney's fees; authorize a person who is denied the opportunity to transport or store a firearm or ammunition to file a civil action to enjoin any business entity, property owner or legal possessor, or public or private employer from violating the act; provide for reinstatement of employment and compensation of benefits and restoration of seniority rights for employees discharged for transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition when the person is otherwise in compliance with all other applicable laws; provide limited immunity to a business entity, property owner or legal possessor, or public or private employer for damages, injuries, or death resulting from another person's actions involving a firearm or ammunition transported or stored pursuant to the act. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Drivers Licenses (Unfunded Mandate) SB26 by Senator Ward would provide that a person who fails to obtain a driver's license before driving or who drives with a cancelled, denied, suspended, or revoked driver's license may be subject to custodial arrest, and would require that the person's driver's license be revoked for an additional six months if the person was driving with a cancelled, suspended, or revoked license. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Homestead Exemption – SB27 by Senator Keahey would remove the income limitation for persons permanently and totally disabled to receive these certain homestead exemptions; provide that the provisions of this act would be retroactive to August 1, 2012, the effective date of Act 2012-313. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Private Water Utilities - SB35 by Senator Fielding would authorize small private water systems purchasing water from a municipal water system in a Class 8 municipality to elect to be exempt from regulation of the Public Service Commission and subject to regulation by the municipality. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

CPA Contingent Fee Prohibited - SB37 by Senator Whatley would prohibit a licensed accountant or certified public accountant from charging a contingent fee for the preparation of financial documents for a claim filed in a court; prescribe Class B misdemeanor punishment for a violation. *RFD: Judiciary*

Ten Commandments Display (Constitutional Amendment) - SB40 by Senator Dial 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; provide that every person would be at liberty to worship according to his or her own conscience; and that no person would be compelled to attend or support a place of worship or a minister; provide that the civil and political rights, privileges, and capacities of no person may be diminished or enlarged on account of his or her religious beliefs; prohibit the expenditure of public funds in defense of the constitutionality of this amendment. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Right to Work (Constitutional Amendment) - SB41 by Senator Dial would declare that it is the public policy of Alabama that the right of persons to work may not be denied or abridged on account of membership or nonmembership in a labor union or labor organization; prohibit an agreement to deny the right to work, or condition of prospective employment, on account of membership or nonmembership in a labor union or labor organization; prohibit an employer from requiring its employees to abstain from union membership as a condition of employment; provide that an employer may not require a person, as a condition of employment or continuation of employment, to pay dues, fees, or other charges of any kind to any labor union or labor organization; provide a cause of action for damages to an individual for denial of employment in violation of this proposed amendment. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Firearms Exemption - SB43 by Senator Allen would exempt from federal regulation under the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition manufactured and retained within the borders of Alabama and exclude certain firearms and ammunition from this act. *RFD: Judiciary*

CNG Vehicle Tax Credits - SB58 by Senator Ward would provide tax credit incentives for the conversion of motor vehicles for compressed natural gas (CNG) use and the incremental costs of purchasing CNG powered motor vehicles. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

Hybrid Vehicle Tax Credit – SB59 by Senator Ward 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: Finance & Taxation Education*

Educational Accountability & Intervention Act – SB60 by Senator Brewbaker 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*

Legislative Sessions – SB61 by Senator Brewbaker proposes 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; the nature of legislation that may be considered in regular and budget sessions of the Legislature; the time within which the Governor shall submit to the Legislature the proposed budget plans of the state; 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, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Drivers License (Unfunded Mandate) - SB63 by Senator Ward would provide that a person who fails to obtain a driver's license before driving or who drives with a cancelled, denied, suspended, or revoked driver's license shall be subject to custodial arrest if practicable and must be transported to the nearest county or municipal detention facility; provide for restitution to an injured party when a driver is involved in an accident while driving without a license or with a suspended or revoked license; authorize the towing and impoundment of a vehicle when a person is driving without a license or with a suspended or revoked license and would provide for a lien on the impounded vehicle. *RFD: Judiciary*

Private Probation Services (Unfunded Mandate) - SB64 by Senator Ward bill 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 may or 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. *RFD: Judiciary*

USDOT Compliance (Unfunded Mandate) - SB65 by Senator Reed would include the requirement in state law that an operator of a commercial motor vehicle be in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations in 49 C.F.R., Parts 385, Safety Fitness Procedures; Part 386, Rules of Practice for Motor Carrier, Broker, Freight Forwarding, and Hazardous Material Proceedings; and Part 387, Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Criminal Tampering - SB66 by Senator Reed would further define criminal tampering in the first degree to include threatening an individual with a deadly weapon or instrument or dangerous animal with the intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Unfunded Mandates on School Boards (Constitutional Amendment – SB67 by Senator Brewbaker would expand the unfunded mandate provisions protecting counties and municipalities in the constitution to school boards. *RFD: Education*

Fair Ballot Act - SB68 by Senator Pittman would create The Alabama Informed Voter Act; create a Fair Ballot Commission to approve statements that explain what a vote for or what a vote against a proposed ballot question represents; membership and terms of the commission; require the commission's work to be posted on the Legislature's website. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Hearing Aid Dealers Board - SB69 by Senator Brewbaker would revise certain existing defined terms and add new definitions; remove specific dollar amounts for fees and would authorize the board to provide for fees pursuant to administrative rule; clarify reciprocity requirements; reflect adoption by the board of international standardized test procedures; require an apprentice to be under the direct supervision of a licensed dispenser; make technical corrections and would delete antiquated language. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Firearms (Unfunded Mandate) – SB70 by Senator McGill would provide that any federal law attempting to ban semi-automatic firearms or to limit the size of a magazine of a firearm or any other limitation on firearms in this state shall be unenforceable; provide that any official, agent, or employee of the United States government who enforces or attempts to enforce any act, order, law, or rule or regulation adopted by the federal government upon a personal firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition, that is manufactured commercially or privately in this state and that remains exclusively within the borders of this state is guilty of a Class C felony; authorize the Attorney General to defend a citizen of this state who is prosecuted by the federal government for a violation of a federal law relating to the manufacture, sale, transfer, or possession of a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition owned or manufactured and retained exclusively in this state. *RFD: Judiciary*

Speed Enforcement – SB71 by Senator Dial would allow law enforcement officers of an incorporated municipality with less than 19,000 inhabitants to enforce any speed limit set by general law on any interstate highway and would allow law enforcement officers of a municipality to enforce any speed limit set by general law within the police jurisdiction of the municipality. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Sales Tax Exemption – SB74 by Senator Waggoner would exempt the Samford University Foundation, Inc., from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Administrative Procedures Act – SB77 by Senator Waggoner would require an agency which proposes a rule which may have an adverse impact on small businesses to prepare and file a small business economic impact statement; an agency which proposes a rule that affects a small business to prepare and file a small business regulatory flexibility analysis; compliance with these requirements would be subject to judicial review; require agencies to review all rules every five years for their effect on small businesses. *RFD: Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability*

State Agencies Fee Setting Authority – SB78 by Senator Dial would allow state agencies authorized to statutorily levy or assess fees that are retained by the agency to fund its operations or programs under its control to review their fee schedule and request an increase, decrease, or elimination of any such fee. A fee increase would be based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, since the previous fee adjustment and each five years thereafter. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

LP Gas Recovery Fund - SB80 by Senator Ross would delete the definition of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Recovery Fund; provide for the posting of board rules, and any pending amendments to the rules, on the board website in lieu of mailing a pamphlet containing the rules to all registered LP gas dealers; delete the requirement that a permit holder file a surety in cash with the board; delete the requirement that the administrator file an official bond with the Secretary of State before beginning employment; authorize the board to issue uniform nontraffic citations, in lieu of uniform traffic citations, relating to the transportation of liquefied petroleum gas; delete the requirement that every applicant for a Class A permit provide the board with proof from a reputable LP gas supplier of gases sufficient to supply the customers of the applicant; provide further for a Class F permit, would provide for temporary authorizations to operate, would delete antiquated language, would abolish the LP-Gas Recovery Fund, would revise the minimum requirements for commercial general liability and automobile liability insurance coverage of applicants, would delete reference to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board Personal Bond Fund, would change the date on which fees for Class F and Class F-1 permits are due from January 1 to July 1, and would delete language providing for a refund of certain fees when a permit holder sells gas to an end user who is outside of the state; delete the language providing for the ability of an entity to act as an agent for duties already provided for under an existing permit; delete references to specific paragraphs of the National Fuel Gas Code. *RFD: Energy & Natural Resources*

Voter ID – SB81 by Senator Ross would allow a qualified elector to sign an affidavit at the polling place affirming his or her identity in lieu of showing photo identification. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

School Resource Officers (Relating to Mobile County) SB82 by Senator Glover authorizing the county board of education to allow persons employed as security personnel and resource

officers to carry firearms while on duty and requiring that such employees have certain qualifications. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 3*

Housing Authorities – SB83 by Senator Fielding 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: Banking & Insurance*

Locksmith Licensure Board – SB85 by Senator Whatley would provide that the definition of locksmith includes the installation or service of locks for motor vehicles, would specify that the powers of the board include making inspections relating to unlicensed operations, would authorize licenses to be staggered and issued for a two-year period and would delete the specified date of December 31 of each year for licenses to expire, would specify that businesses selling locks only over the counter or by mail order are exempt under the law and would clarify the application of exemptions, would specify that each offense would be punished as provided by law, and would further provide for civil enforcement of the law by injunctive relief and civil fines; provide that the licensure law would not apply to an alarm installer in a county having a population of 30,000 or less if the person or business entity had a business license during the five-year period immediately preceding the enactment of this bill. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Concealed Pistol Permits – SB86 by Senator Whatley would authorize the sheriff to issue a lifetime concealed pistol permit for a fee of 40 times the amount charged in the county for an annual permit. *RFD: Judiciary*

Alabama Recurring Revenue Fund – SB90 by Senator Sanford would provide for the establishment of the Alabama Recurring Revenue Fund and provides for the distribution of the proceeds of the recurring revenue sources of the Education Trust Fund and the State General Fund initially into this fund to be allocated to the Education Trust Fund and the State General Fund based upon the percentages established in this bill. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

Property Appraisals – SB91 by Senator Sanford would provide that property in Alabama would not be subject to reappraisal less than every four years. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Firearms – SB93 by Senator Sanford 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: Judiciary*

Establishment of Manufacturing Zones – SB96 by Senator Orr 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Municipal Housing Authorities – SB98 by Senator Sanford would specify that the municipal housing authority could exercise the power of eminent domain only with the approval of the municipal council. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

General Fund Budget – SB100 by Senator Orr would provide for the transfer of certain state funds into the State General Fund to help offset the costs of services provided by agencies which receive appropriations from the State General Fund. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Open Meeting Act – SB102 by Senator Orr would allow members of governmental bodies as defined in the Alabama Open Meetings Act to participate in meetings and deliberation via electronic communications under certain circumstances. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Public Assistance Fraud (Unfunded Mandate) – SB105 by Senator Orr would prohibit certain fraudulent conduct in obtaining public assistance under any state or federally funded public assistance program and would provide penalties. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Prisoner Litigation Reform Act – SB106 by Senator Orr would create the Alabama Prisoner Litigation Reform Act to establish guidelines and procedures for all pro se civil actions brought by prisoners incarcerated in any state or local correctional facility in this state, including procedures related to monetary judgment awards, discovery, and oral argument requests; require a prisoner to exhaust certain administrative remedies prior to filing a pro se civil action; require prisoners to demonstrate physical injury in order to assert a claim under state law for mental or emotional damage; provide for the repayment of certain court costs by prisoners proceeding in forma pauperis and would provide additional requirements for prisoners proceeding in forma pauperis; require the Alabama Department of Corrections and other entities providing correctional services to adopt procedures for resolving certain claims by pro se prisoners; provide for the maintenance of certain records in civil actions filed by prisoners; provide that any damages awarded to a prisoner would be first paid to satisfy any outstanding restitution orders; provide procedures for certain suits involving prison conditions to be resolved by a three-judge panel. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Administrative Procedures Act - SB112 by Senator Holley 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: Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability*

Controlled Substances (Unfunded Mandate) - SB114 by Senator Ward 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: Judiciary*

Controlled Substances Prescription Database - SB115 by Senator Ward 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: Judiciary*

State Treasurer Office - SB118 by Senator Blackwell would establish funding for the Office of the State Treasurer, and allow the operations of Treasury Administrative, SAFE, and Unclaimed Property be managed under one fund. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Firearms (Constitutional Amendment) SB120 by Senator Dial 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; 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: Judiciary*

Bicycle Right of Ways - SB121 by Senator Allen would provide a definition for safe distance for purposes of a vehicle overtaking and passing a bicycle. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

State Agencies - SB122 by Senator Holley would assign certain state agencies the responsibility of recommending persons for employment by the Examiners of Public Accounts and the Alabama Law Institute, establishing their salaries, and additional responsibilities for budgeting, accounting, and general administrative functions for all entities in the Legislative Department; provide for the appointment by the committee of the Director of Legislative Services; and require the agency to maintain a website listing legislative expenditures that would include the names and salaries of and any expenses paid to employees in the Legislative Department and any contracts into which the agency enters on behalf of any entity in the Legislative Department.

Insurance Fraud - SB124 by Senator Blackwell 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 domestic insurers, to delete and clarify certain language to correct an error in an amendment. *RFD: Insurance*

Voter Registration Lists - SB125 by Senator Sanford would eliminate the requirement to publish registered voter lists and notices 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 upon request at no cost and that the county place a display advertisement at least one-quarter page in size in some newspaper of general circulation in the county providing information about where the lists and notices are available; eliminate compensation for any elected official or public employee performing these duties as a regular assigned duty, but would authorize compensation for an absentee election manager who is not a public employee who is appointed to serve in the event the circuit clerk is a candidate for election. *RFD: Judiciary*

Health Insurance Companies - SB126 by Senator Blackwell would change the level at which the risk based capital (RBC) trend test for life and health insurance companies could be triggered from 2.5 times the authorized control level RBC amount to 3.0 times the authorized control level amount; also subject property and casualty insurers to a company action level event when the risk-based capital report indicates certain specified levels; correct an error in citation and make clarifying nonsubstantive changes. *RFD: Banking & Insurance*

Health Savings Accounts - SB127 by Senator Blackwell would authorize the State Employees' Insurance Board to offer a High Deductible Health Plan with a federally qualified Health Savings Account and a Health Reimbursement Arrangement to eligible state employees, state retirees, and their dependents. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Surplus Property - SB128 by Senator Whatley would require the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Industries to maintain a permanent record of all abandoned and stolen personal property recovered by the department; authorize the commissioner to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms; authorize the commissioner to sell certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed property; provide for the disposition of any proceeds from the sale of any abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed property or firearms to the Agricultural Fund. *RFD: Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry*

Concealed Weapons (Unfunded Mandate) - SB129 by Senator Beason would consolidate certain preemption language regarding the authority of counties and municipalities to regulate certain activity related to firearms and would provide civil remedies for persons adversely affected by unauthorized action of a county or municipality relating to firearm regulation; provide penalties for public officials who participate in the enactment of unlawful ordinances, rules, or regulations relating to firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories; provide that lawfully carrying a firearm under certain conditions does not, in and of itself, constitute the crime of disorderly conduct; require a sheriff to issue or deny a concealed pistol permit within 30 days of receipt of the application and accompanying fees and would specify that the license must be renewed from one to five years from the date of issuance; specify certain eligibility requirements for the issuance of a pistol permit and would require an annual permit fee of \$10; provide for the issuance of pistol permits to applicants who are not United States citizens under certain conditions and would authorize employers to restrict employees from carrying concealed pistols under limited circumstances; require a report from the National Instant Background Check System as part of the investigation process relating to the issuance of a concealed pistol permit; authorize a judge to determine who may possess or carry a firearm or other weapon in his or her courtroom; authorize the Attorney General to enter into reciprocal agreements with other

states for the mutual recognition of licenses to carry pistols; repeal the prohibition against the possession of a firearm at a public demonstration. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Peace Officers Retirement - SB132 by Senator Waggoner 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 certain limitations. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

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Attorney Contingency Fee Contracts - SB134 by Senator Ward would regulate state agencies entering contingency fee contracts with private attorneys representing the state in litigation. *RFD: Judiciary*

Education Trust Fund Budget – SB137 by Senator Pittman makes 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: Finance & Taxation Education*

Federal Government Leases - SB142 by Senator Orr amends Section 11-101A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the powers of county and municipal corporations whose corporate purpose is to provide buildings, facilities, and other property for lease and use by the United States of America; to expand the powers of those corporations to include expending funds in support of federal facilities located in the state. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

General Fund Budget – SB143 by Senator Orr bill makes 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

National Guard Distinctive License Tag – HB147 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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Ethics Reporting - SB149 by Senator Taylor would delete the 24-hour time period and the \$250 minimum requirement; require additional information relating to each expenditure made by a lobbyist; include within the reporting requirements expenditures made by lobbyists to public employees and their family members; also delete the calendar day limitation and \$250 minimum requirement for reports of expenditures made by non-lobbyists. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Eavesdropping (Unfunded Mandate) – SB150 by Senator Taylor would expand the crimes of installing eavesdropping devices and possession of eavesdropping devices to include the use of

an eavesdropping device to access or intercept communications on a personal telecommunication device such as a cell phone. *RFD: Judiciary*

Certificate of Needs – SB151 by Senator Whatley 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: Judiciary*

Coalition Against Domestic Violence – SB152 by Senator Coleman would make an appropriation of \$196,978 from the State General Fund to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, requires an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds, and requires quarterly and end of year performance reports. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Municipal Utility Contracts – SB153 by Senator Beasley would authorize the governing body of a municipality to enter into agreements with private companies, registered as service contract providers pursuant to statute, to provide ancillary service contracts to residential utility customers with the endorsement of the municipality; authorize the governing body to apply any fees it receives pursuant to such an agreement to its general revenue fund. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Military Personnel License Exemption – SB154 by Senator Williams 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: Veterans & Military Affairs*

Board of Registrars – SB155 by Senator Taylor would extend the prohibition time period from 10 to 17 days; would require the voter registration list to be printed within the 17-day period prior to an election. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Drivers' Licenses – SB157 by Senator Taylor would delete the requirement for the suspension for all drug offenses except trafficking in illegal drugs; provide for the certification of this act to the United States Department of Transportation by the Governor. *RFD: Judiciary*

Public Employees – SB158 by Senator Whatley 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: Veterans & Military Affairs*

Self Defense Authorization – SB165 by Senator Taylor 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: Business & Labor*

Driving Under the Influence (Unfunded Mandate) – SB170 by Senator Orr 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 faculties 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; provide that a person may be charged with driving under the influence if he or she has a measurable amount of specified substances in his or her body unless the person has a valid prescription for use of the substance or is otherwise authorized to use the substance; increase the minimum mandatory sentence for a fourth or subsequent violation of the law from 10 days to 90 days; remove the requirement that a prior conviction considered by a court when imposing a sentence would only be a prior conviction within a five-year period and would provide that any prior conviction for driving while impaired from this state, a municipality within this state, or another state or territory or a municipality of another state or territory, with or without the jurisdiction having adopted the law of Alabama, so long as the offense was in violation of the law in the respective jurisdiction, would be considered by a court for imposing a sentence; provide that a person convicted for a third or subsequent time for operating a motor vehicle while his or her license or driving privilege is cancelled, denied, suspended, or revoked when his or her license or driving privilege was cancelled, denied, suspended, or revoked as a consequence of a DUI-related offense would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum mandatory sentence of 30 days in jail; delete a redundant subsection providing additional penalties when a child under 14 years of age was in the vehicle at the time of a DUI offense. *RFD: Judiciary*

Homebrewing (Unfunded Mandate) - SB171 by Senator Holtzclaw 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: Job Creation & Economic Development*

Private Investigation Board (Unfunded Mandate) – SB172 by Senator Holtzclaw 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: Governmental Affairs*

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Motor Vehicles (Unfunded Mandate) - SB173 by Senator Brewbaker 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: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Alabama Athletic Commission (Unfunded Mandate) – SB174 by Senator Allen would rename the Alabama Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Act as the Alabama Boxing, Wrestling, and Mixed Martial Arts Act; define the terms professional wrestling and tough man contest; authorize the Alabama Athletic Commission to regulate professional wrestling and tough man contests in the same manner as boxing and mixed martial arts. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Homestead Exemption – SB176 by Senator Dial would delete the requirement that a permanently and totally disabled person be retired to qualify for the certain exemptions from ad valorem taxes. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Rifle Preemption – SB177 by Senator Dial would also prohibit municipalities from enacting ordinances relating to violations of any law relating to rifles. *RFD: Judiciary*

Improvement Districts - SB178 by Senator Waggoner would 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: Governmental Affairs*

Voters Registration List – SB180 by Senator Ward 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, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Alcoholic Beverage Sales (Anniston) – SB182 by Senator Marsh would authorizing 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 No. 1*

Alabama False Claims Act – SB183 by Senator Orr would establish the Alabama False Claims Act, to provide a remedy for fraudulent claims in government programs; provide that certain persons who make false claims or commit fraud against the state shall be liable to the state for three times the amount of damage sustained, a civil penalty, and any associated costs, including attorney's fees. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Tim Tebow Act (Unfunded Mandate) – SB186 by Senator McGill 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*

Table Wine Sales – SB187 by Senator Coleman 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: Job Creation & Economic Development*

Alabama Highway Finance Authority – SB192 by Senator Bussman 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: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

EMPLOYEE LIABILITY EXEMPTION ACT – SB194 by Senator Fielding would specify that employees acting within the line and scope of their duties are included in the definition of "governmental entity" for tort claims and judgments against local governmental entities. *RFD: Judiciary*

Smoking Prohibition (Unfunded Mandate) – SB195 by Senator Figures would repeal the Alabama Clean Indoor Air Act and establish the Alabama Smoke-free Air Act of 2013; prohibit smoking in places of employment and public places; provide legislative intent and definitions; prohibit smoking in certain outdoor areas; specifically exempt private clubs and private residences not used for child care or adult care, or as a health care facility; provide requirements for owners, operators, managers, and employers; prohibit retaliation against any person reporting a violation; provide penalties for violations; allow political subdivisions to adopt stricter requirements; provide for the responsibilities of the Department of Public Health and the State Board of Health. *RFD: Health*

State Parks (Constitutional Amendment) – SB196 by Senator Orr Proposes an amendment to Amendment 617 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 213.32 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to provide exceptions to the requirement that all state park system land and facilities be exclusively and solely operated and maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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Ad Valorem Tax Delinquency – SB197 by Senator Ward would more clearly define who is entitled to be paid the excess amount by providing that the excess funds only be paid to a person or entity who has redeemed the property; require that the excess amount be held in escrow in the county treasury for at least three years until such time as proper application for payment of the

excess is made and that, if not paid within 10 years, the excess would be paid into the county general fund for use by the county. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Motor Fuel – SB198 by Senator Holtzclaw would repeal existing law prohibiting rebates or discounts on motor fuel which would make the selling price below the cost to the wholesaler or cost to the retailer. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Unemployment Overpayment – SB201 by Senator Bussman would specify the circumstances under which the unemployment compensation account of an employer may be charged for overpayment of unemployment compensation made to a claimant. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Criminal Charge Expungement (Unfunded Mandate) – SB202 by Senator Bedford would authorize a person charged or convicted of certain felony or misdemeanor criminal offenses, a violation, or a traffic violation to petition the court in which the charges were filed or in which the conviction occurred to have his or her records expunged, including, but not limited to, arrest records, fingerprints, photographs, or index references in documentary or electronic form, relating to the arrest or charge, or both, and conviction in certain instances. *RFD: Judiciary*

WEED ABATEMENT – SB207 by Senator Beasley would provide that the weed abatement law relating to Class 7 municipalities would apply to all municipalities. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Drought Assessment Team – SB208 by Senator Beasley 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: Energy & Natural Resources*

Minors Tobacco Prohibition – SB210 by Senator Ward would also prohibit the sale, possession, use, or transportation of alternative nicotine products by a minor. *RFD: Judiciary*

Cultural Districts (Tax Exemptions) – SB211 by Senator Figures 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Absentee Voting – SB212 by Senator Figures would allow any qualified elector to vote by absentee ballot in an election. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Retirement COLA (Unfunded Mandate) – SB213 by Senator Keahey would provide for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the salary for certain

state employees and public education employees shall be increased in an amount equal to the percentage amount reflecting the cost-of-living adjustment indicated by the Consumer Price Index for the preceding index year. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

MEETING CANCELLATION – SB214 by Senator Waggoner 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: Governmental Affairs*

Municipal Business License (Constitutional Amendment) - SB217 by Senator Figures 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: Judiciary*

Emergency Communications Services – SB219 by Senator Waggoner would create the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission in order to ensure effective communication services for law enforcement, fire and rescue services, and public health and emergency support 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: Governmental Affairs*

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Taxpayers' Bill of Rights - SB223 by Senator Taylor 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. This bill would 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. This bill would 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. *RFD: Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability*

Alabama Ahead Act (Unfunded Mandate) – SB224 by Senator Dial would commence 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: Finance & Taxation Education*

Occupational Taxes – SB226 by Senator Brewbaker would provide that only the Legislature, by local law, may levy an occupational tax within a Class 3, 4, or 5 municipalities. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Education – SB227 by Senator Taylor would provide further for the contents of a reduction-in-force policy. *RFD: Education*

Gulf State Park – SB231 by Senator Pittman 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: Tourism & Marketing*

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COMPETITIVE BIDS – SB234 by Senator Blackwell 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: Governmental Affairs*

Contracts – SB237 by Senator Marsh 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: Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability*

Motor Vehicles (Unfunded Mandate) – SB239 by Senator Bedford would provide that a driver of a motor vehicle who violates any of the provisions requiring the driver to report the accident, give information, and render reasonable assistance at the scene of the accident; penalties when the violation results in death shall be guilty of a Class C felony. *RFD: Judiciary*

Durable Medical Equipment (Sales Tax Exemption) – SB240 by Senator Beasley 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Waste Collection Companies – SB242 by Senator Whatley would provide that the rates charged by waste management companies for the collection and transportation of garbage, household waste, or any other nonhazardous and nonmedical solid waste shall at all times be subject to the approval of the Alabama Public Service Commission. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

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Ad Valorem Tax - SB244 by Senator Dial would amend the existing code provisions providing exemptions as discussed above 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Annexation of Property (City of Alabaster) – SB249 by Senator Ward would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Alabaster in Shelby County. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Expungement of Records – SB252 by Senator Ward would authorize a person charged with a misdemeanor criminal offense to petition the court in which the charges were filed to have his or her records expunged when the person has not been convicted of the charge. *RFD: Judiciary*

Civil Engineer Liability – SB254 by Senator Taylor 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: Judiciary*

Tobacco Products – SB255 by Senator Ward would also prohibit the sale, possession, use, or transportation of alternative nicotine products by a minor. *RFD: Health*

Fire Code Exemption – SB256 by Senator Ward would exempt church-owned buildings which have an area greater than 12,000 square feet from Section 903 of the International Fire Code 903 and the National Fire Protection Association Code 909 for a period of 60 days after the declaration of a disaster by the state or federal government if the church is hosting or housing volunteers within the building who are responding to the disaster if all the volunteers are 18 years of age or over. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Childcare Providers (Unfunded Mandate) – SB258 by Senator Figures would prohibit child and incapacitated person day care providers from leaving a child or incapacitated person unattended in a motor vehicle, unless the child or incapacitated person is supervised by a person of a certain age, and would determine penalties for a first, second, or subsequent conviction when the child or incapacitated person is injured or fatally injured. *RFD: Children, Youth Affairs & Human Resources*

Highway Bonds – SB260 by Senator Whatley 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 maintenance of Alabama National Guard armories. *RFD: Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability*

Mobile County Ad Valorem Taxes (Constitutional Amendment) – SB262 by Senator Figures would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Mobile County, to authorize the Legislature by local law to levy an additional ad valorem tax on real property in the unincorporated area of the county included in county commission district one on the date of the ratification of this amendment to be distributed to qualified volunteer fire departments. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 3*

Mobile County Ad Valorem Tax – SB263 by Senator Figures to provide for the assessment and collection of a one mill ad valorem tax in the unincorporated areas of Mobile County included in county commission district one on the effective date of this act; to provide for the distribution of the net proceeds to qualified volunteer fire departments; to establish requirements for qualifying departments; to set out the purposes for which the funds shall be expended; and to provide for an effective date contingent upon adoption of a local constitutional amendment. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 3*

Firearms - SB264 by Senator Beason would consolidate certain preemption language regarding the authority of counties and municipalities to regulate certain activity related to firearms and would provide civil remedies for persons adversely affected by unauthorized action of a county or municipality relating to firearm regulation; 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; provide that lawfully carrying a firearm under certain conditions does not, in and of itself, constitute the crime of disorderly conduct. *RFD: Business & Labor*

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Drug Rehabilitation Homes – SB266 by Senator Marsh would additionally require consent and approval from the governing authority of the municipality in which the facility is to be located, or the county if it is to be located outside of the corporate limits of a municipality. *RFD: Health*

Military Stability Fund – SB267 by Senator Holtzclaw would create a fund for the retention and expansion of Alabama's military installations and expend funds upon the submission and acceptance of a plan for public projects necessary to protect the interests of an area with respect to realignment or closure of a military installation and local matching funds; require the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission to make any award of funds under this act and submit an annual report to the Legislature. *RFD: Veterans & Military Affairs*

Personal Information Disclosure – SB268 by Senator Scofield would expand the protection against disclosure of certain personal identifying information to include employees of the criminal justice sector employed at any level of government within the state.

Alcoholic Beverages (Unfunded Mandate) – SB269 by Senator Dial would require all persons who serve, dispense, or provide alcoholic beverages at any on-premises retail licensed location to be registered with the ABC Board; provide for processing fees, fines, and penalties in accordance

with server identifications; create the ABC Board Law Enforcement Licensing Fund to collect fees from server identification cards. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Unemployment Compensation – SB270 by Senator Scofield would further define an employing unit as an employer that acquires at least 65 percent of an organization, trade, employees, or business located in the State of Alabama, or substantially all of the assets thereof, of another employing unit. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Competitive Bids – SB271 by Senator Dial would provide that contracts for the purchase of personal property or contractual services shall be let for periods not greater than five years. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

Rescue Squads (Tax Exemption) – SB272 by Senator Dial 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Rescue Squad Donations – SB273 by Senator Dial would allow state and local public entities to donate funds, property, equipment, or other things of value to organized search, air, and rescue squads. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Rescue Squad Contributions – SB274 by Senator Dial would provide for voluntary contributions to the Alabama Association of Rescue Squads, Inc., as an additional payment on annual ad valorem tax payments. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Recording Fees (Fayette County) – SB275 by Senator Bedford would 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 No. 1*

Criminal History Records – SB276 by Senator Holley would authorize a person charged with certain misdemeanor and felony offenses to petition the court in the county or municipality in which the charges were filed to have all records relating to the charge expunged in certain instances; require the person seeking expunction to obtain a certificate of eligibility from the Department of Public Safety; provide procedural requirements for a person filing a petition to have records expunged and for law enforcement agencies required to expunge records and would provide for criminal penalties for certain violations. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Beer Wholesalers & Suppliers – SB278 by Senator Blackwell would provide additional prohibited acts of beer suppliers with respect to their dealings with wholesalers; provide fines and sanctions for a violation of any prohibited act. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Code of Alabama - SB277 by Senator Holley would adopt and incorporate into the Code of Alabama 1975, those general and permanent laws of the state enacted during the 2012 Regular Session and the 2012 First Special Session as contained in the 2012 Cumulative Supplement to certain volumes of the code and 2012 Replacement Volumes 11, 11A, 13, and 20. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

State Sales Tax – SB279 by Senator Dial would increase the state sales and use tax general rate to four and one-quarter percent on September 1, 2013, to four and one-half percent on September 1, 2014, to four and three-quarters percent on September 1, 2015, and to five percent on September 1, 2016; phase out the state sales and use taxes on food over a four-year period by reducing the rates by one percentage point per year beginning September 1, 2013; exempt sales of food from the sales and use taxes beginning September 1, 2016. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

Business Personal Property – SB281 by Senator McGill would require the Department of Revenue to recalculate the composite factors for business personal property. *RFD: Fiscal Responsibility & Accountability*

Prison Contraband (Unfunded Mandate) – SB283 by Senator Keahey would specifically include attempt in the crime of promoting prison contraband in the first, second, and third degrees. *RFD: Judiciary*

Pre-Trial Diversion Programs – SB285 by Senator Keahey 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; provide for judicial oversight into the approval of the disposition of the criminal charge; 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; provide for program fees and their distribution; make statutory drug courts and specialty courts paramount to pretrial diversion programs established pursuant to this act; provide that counties or municipalities with existing discretionary pretrial diversion programs established prior to the effective date of this act may adopt this act in its entirety or portions of the act; require the Office of Prosecution Services to develop and maintain a pretrial diversion offender database. *RFD: Judiciary*

Firearms - SB286 by Senator Beason would consolidate certain preemption language regarding the authority of counties and municipalities to regulate certain activity related to firearms and would provide civil remedies for persons adversely affected by unauthorized action of a county or municipality relating to firearm regulation. **RFD: Judiciary**

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Tobacco Master Settlement - SB287 by Senator Williams would provide for transfer to the State General Fund during fiscal year 2014 of certain anticipated tobacco revenues. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Children First Trust Fund – SB288 by Senator Waggoner 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Public Works Contracts – SB289 by Senator Blackwell would give public owners new alternative means for procuring design and construction services for public works contracts by making available the construction manager at risk and design-build project delivery methods as additional options when determined by the awarding authority that these alternative project delivery methods potentially offer better value to taxpayers than the traditional design-bid-build method. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Alabama Trust Fund Proceeds – SB290 by Senator Sanford would provide that any proceeds the State of Alabama receives from any monetary settlement or legal disposition associated with economic damages resulting from the Deep Water Horizon oil spill shall be used to repay any funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund and the General Fund Rainy Day Account and would further require the remaining proceeds shall be deposited into the Alabama Trust Fund. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Gas & Oil Tax Proceeds - SB292 by Senator Bedford 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. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Gas & Oil Tax Proceeds – SB293 by Senator Bedford 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: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Water Ordinances (Limestone County) – SB295 by Senator Holtzclaw would repeal Act 2008-76, 2008 Regular Session (Acts 2008, p. 97), authorizing the county commission to adopt ordinances to protect and conserve water, water supplies, and water usage outside the corporate limits of any municipality in the county. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Classroom CPR - SB296 by Senator Holtzclaw would allow CPR instructors to become certified by organizations similar to the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross. *RFD: Education*

Community Development Districts – SB297 by Senator Bedford would alter and expand the definition of a community development district to include a private resort development that operates freestanding cabins meeting certain criteria. *RFD: Job Creation & Economic Development*

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Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama - SB303 by Senator Allen would alter the membership of the Board of Control of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama. *RFD: Education*

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Child Abuse Reporting (Unfunded Mandate) - SB304 by Senator Figures would include physical therapists and employees of public and private institutions of postsecondary and higher education as persons required to report; 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: Children, Youth Affairs & Human Resources*

Absentee Voting - SB306 by Senator Taylor 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, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Elections - SB308 by Senator Taylor would reclassify the crime of paying, offering to pay, or accepting payment to vote, withhold a vote, or vote against a candidate as a 13 Class C felony. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Transportation Projects - SB309 by Senator Allen would allow the director to alter plans or character of work, determine the need for new or additional work, approve any additional, new, or extra work or work changes, alterations, or requirements not in excess of \$200,000 per contract without the approval of the Governor and would require the Department of Transportation to develop procedures to implement the provision. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

School Security (Franklin County) - SB310 by Senator Bedford 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 No. 1*

Sunday Sales (City of Weaver) - SB311 by Senator Marsh 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; and 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 No.1*

Sheriff Qualifications (Baldwin County) - SB312 by Senator Pittman would provide certain additional qualifications for persons serving as sheriff; and to provide for continuing education for a sheriff. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

MAYOR VACANCY (Class 7 & 8 Municipalities) - SB314 by Senator Taylor 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: Governmental Affairs*

Drone Usage - SB317 by Senator Sanford would prohibit any government agency from using a drone to gather evidence or other information with certain exceptions for certain risks of terrorist attack and other specified law enforcement purposes; provide that any evidence gathered by a drone in violation of this act is inadmissible in any criminal prosecution; authorizes an aggrieved party to initiate a civil action against a law enforcement agency that violates this act. *RFD: Judiciary*

Escapee Notification - SB318 by Senator Taylor would require the notification of state and local agencies and the news media when an inmate escapes. *RFD: Judiciary*

Insurance Appropriation - SB324 by Senator Brewbaker 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. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Red Light Automation (City of Center Point) - SB325 by Senator Coleman 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. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 2*

Building Standards - SB326 by Senator Keahey 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, Conservation & Forestry*

Credit Card Usage (Lee County) - SB327 by Senator Whatley authorize the Lee County Commission to adopt a supplemental purchasing process for purchasing personal property otherwise authorized by the county; and to provide that the purchasing process may include the use of vendor store cards and other forms of procurement cards. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Forfeiture Act - SB329 by Senator Fielding would create the Alabama Comprehensive Criminal Proceeds Forfeiture Act to streamline the process for the forfeiture of property acquired directly or indirectly through the commission of certain criminal offenses and proceeds and other instrumentalities derived in connection with certain criminal offenses. *RFD: Judiciary*

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Corporate Limits (City of Weaver) - SB338 by Senator Marsh would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Weaver in Calhoun County. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Medicaid Agency – SB340 by Senator Reed 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: Health*

Circuit Judges (Lee County) – SB356 by Senator Whatley would create an additional circuit judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 4, in the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit comprised of Lee County. This bill would provide for the election of the judge at the 2014 general election or the next general election thereafter. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Corporate Limits (City of Foley) – SB357 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley in Baldwin County. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Corporate Limits (City of Foley) – SB358 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley in Baldwin County. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Corporate Limits (City of Foley) – SB359 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley in Baldwin County. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Accountability Act of 2013 – SB360 by Senator Marsh would amend the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013, to specify that no public or nonpublic school may be forced to enroll a student pursuant to the act. *RFD: Education*

Bail Bonds - SB361 by Senator Holley 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 bond fee. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Sex Offenders – SB362 by Senator Figures 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*

Employee Retirement System (Jefferson County) – SB364 by Senator Waggoner would repeal and replace the plan for The General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County; to eliminate obsolete provisions and incorporate required federal tax laws, rules, and regulations; to provide for definitions, administration, eligibility, contributions, amendment and valuation provisions, plan termination, and certain miscellaneous provisions; and to repeal certain acts. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 2*

Senate Bills of Interest Day 14 of the Regular Session

No Senate Introductions on this Day

Senate Bills of Interest Day 15 of the Regular Session

No Senate Introductions on this Day

Senate Bills of Interest Day 16 of the Regular Session

No Senate Introductions on this Day

Senate Bills of Interest Day 17 of the Regular Session

Employees' Retirement Systems (City of Montgomery) - SB366 by Senator Brewbaker would amend the City of Montgomery's employee retirement programs. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Judge of Probate (Dallas County) - SB367 by Senator Sanders would provide for a salary increase for the judge of probate. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Court Costs (Clay County) - SB369 by Senator Dial 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 No.1*

Government Disclosure - SB372 by Senator Pittman would require disclosure of certain information on the purchase of property by the state or a local governing body. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Drivers' License - SB373 by Senator Orr would provide that a person with autism spectrum disorder may have the letters "ASD" displayed on his or her driver's license. *RFD: Judiciary*

Retirement Plans - SB374 by Senator Orr would establish the Elected Court Officials' Retirement Plan under the Judicial Retirement Fund, changes benefits for justices and judges first elected or appointed on or after November 4, 2014, and provides that district attorneys and circuit clerks participate in the plan upon passage of a constitutional amendment to allow such participation; allows for preretirement death benefits for such officials. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Retirement Plans (Constitutional Amendment) - SB375 by Senator Orr would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to allow the legislature to provide for a retirement program for district attorneys and circuit clerks who are first elected or appointed on or after November 4, 2014. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Alabama Space Authority - SB378 by Senator Dial would create the Alabama Space Authority within the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to promote the research and development of new space exploration and spaceport technologies, sponsor conferences and business roundtables within the aerospace, aviation, and related

industries, and promote activities and industries related to space exploration and making maximum use of space capabilities; authority would include representatives of the Alabama Department of Commerce, ADECA, Alabama Department of Transportation, the Governor, the Legislature, and other individuals with knowledge and interest in space technology. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

School Buses (Unfunded Mandate) - SB380 by Senator Holley would establish the crime of trespass on a school bus in the first degree. *RFD: Judiciary*

Accountability Act of 2013 - SB381 by Senator Brewbaker would amend the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013, to specify that no public or nonpublic school may be forced to enroll a student pursuant to the act. *RFD: Education*

Citizen Initiatives (Constitutional Amendment) - SB382 by Senator Brewbaker 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, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Resource Officers - SB383 by Senator Brewbaker would authorize a local board of education to employ persons as school security personnel or school resource officers and would allow such persons employed as school security personnel or school resource officers, with certain qualifications, to carry firearms while on duty. *RFD: Education*

Alabama Accountability Act of 2013 - SB384 by Senator Bedford would repeal the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013. *RFD: Education*

Competitive Bids - SB386 by Senator Marsh would exempt a public authority formed pursuant to Chapter 92B from certain competitive bid laws. *RFD: Job Creation & Economic Development*

Racing Commission (Class 1 Municipalities) - SB387 by Senator Waggoner would provide that the host county House and Senate delegations would consist of all members of the respective House and Senate host county legislative delegations; provide that the chair of the House or Senate host county legislative delegation would call a meeting to fill a vacancy. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 2*

Contractor Liability - HB389 by Senator Dunn 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: Judiciary*

Community Development Districts - SB390 by Senator Keahey 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: Governmental Affairs*

Budget Publication (Class 1 Municipalities) - SB391 by Senator Coleman would amend the deadlines for submission of the budget proposal by the mayor and adoption of the general fund budget by the council if the council adopts a fiscal year that begins on October 1 and ends on September 30; specify that certain notices relating to budget hearings may be published in a newspaper that is not published daily and would ratify the publication of certain prior notices prohibited in conformance with this act in a Class 1 municipality. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 2*

State Rainy Day Accounts - SB392 by Senator Keahey would prohibit any proceeds the State of Alabama receives from any monetary settlement or legal disposition associated with economic damages resulting from the Deep Water Horizon oil spill from being used to repay any funds transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund and the General Fund Rainy Day Account. *RD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Animal Cruelty (Unfunded Mandate) - HB393 by Senator Keahey would add acts that are done knowingly or with criminal negligence to the prohibition and make the crime a Class A misdemeanor; provide for the crime of aggravated animal cruelty when the act of cruelty or neglect involved infliction of torture to the animal; aggravated animal cruelty would be a Class C felony. *RFD: Judiciary*

Court Costs (Baldwin County) - SB394 by Senator Pittman amend Section 45-2-80.60, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the amount of additional court costs assessed and collected from persons incarcerated in the county jail. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Corporate Limits (City of Fairhope) - SB395 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Fairhope in Baldwin County. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Official Duties (Baldwin County) - SB396 by Senator Pittman would provide that the offices of judge of probate and revenue commissioner shall not be assessed for monetary loss resulting from the performance of official duties for errors or mistakes made in good faith, up to a certain annual maximum amount per office. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Alabama Business License Reform Act - SB397 by Senator Blackwell would require the Alabama Department of Revenue, or a vendor under contract with the department, to create such a system that would be maintained by the department; beginning October 1, 2015, all counties would be required to participate in the online filing system and all municipalities would be required to participate by January 1, 2017; an annual state license fee of \$150 as well as a \$15 online user fee would apply, and counties would be authorized to collect an additional general fee of \$50 per location for county business licenses; existing county business license fees imposed by local acts, other than the Jefferson County local act, would be repealed by this act; an online filing system advisory committee and a municipal business license interim task force would be created to make recommendations for the implementation and administration of this act and for eventual participation of all municipalities in the online filing system; numerous sections of the Code of Alabama 1975, would be amended, created, or repealed to conform to the provisions and requirements of the act. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Court Costs (Baldwin County) - SB398 by Senator Pittman 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: Local Legislation No. 1*

Municipal Business License Cap - SB400 by Senator McGill would provide that if a business license tax is levied within a municipality, the amount of tax levied for the initial license shall not exceed a certain amount. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Driving Under the Influence - SB401 by Senator Holtzclaw 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: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Fire Protection - SB402 by Senator Taylor would allow the State Fire Marshal to issue permits to certain fire protection sprinkler contractors; create the Fire Protection and Sprinkler System Advisory Board and would provide for its membership and duties. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Public School Curriculum - SB403 by Senator Beason would prohibit the State Board of Education from adopting and the Department of Education from implementing the Common Core State Standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative; prohibit the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and other state bodies from compiling or sharing data about students or teachers, except under limited circumstances; prohibit the State Board of Education from entering into an agreement or joining a consortium that would cede any control to an entity outside the state; require notice and public hearings before the State Board of Education adopts or implements any statewide standards. *RFD: Education*

Public School Curriculum - SB404 by Senator Beason would prohibit the State Board of Education from adopting and the Department of Education from implementing the Common Core State Standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative; prohibit the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, and other state bodies from compiling or sharing data about students or teachers, except under limited circumstances; prohibit the State Board of Education from entering into an agreement or joining a consortium that would cede any control to an entity outside the state; require notice and public hearings before the State Board of Education adopts or implements any statewide standards. *RFD: Education*

Alcohol License Issuance - SB409 by Senator Taylor would prohibit the issuance of a license to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to a facility where gambling or the game of bingo is played using electronic machines; provide that as of the date of its approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law, each license to sell or serve alcoholic beverages currently issued to a facility where gambling or the game of bingo is played using electronic machines shall be considered null and void and of no effect as of the date that this act becomes law. *RFD: Judiciary*

Boating Regulations (Lee County) - SB410 by Senator Dial provide for a no-wake zone within 100 feet of a dock or pier on the waters of Lake Harding. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Manufactured Homes - SB412 by Senator Ward would create the Alabama Manufactured Home Landlord-Tenant Act to specify the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants of manufactured home communities; require landlords to disclose all fees, charges, assessments, and rules to a tenant prior to occupancy in a manufactured home community, would provide certain restrictions on the sale or removal of a manufactured home in a manufactured home community, and would place certain restrictions on the sale of a manufactured home community. *RFD: Judiciary*

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No Senate Introductions on this Day

Senate Bills of Interest Day 19 of the Regular Session

No Senate Introductions on this Day

Senate Bills of Interest Day 20 of the Regular Session

Taxation – SB415 by Senator McGill would exempt all individual tangible taxable assets with an original acquisition cost of \$250 or less from ad valorem taxation. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

Controlled Substances – SB416 by Senator Pittman would include additional drug-related offenses to the provision of suspended driver’s license. *RFD: Judiciary*

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Hoover) – SB417 by Senator Waggoner would allow the City of Hoover to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 2*

Process Fees (Montgomery County) – SB418 by Senator Brewbaker 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: Local Legislation No. 1*

Recording Fees (Lamar County) – SB419 by Senator Bedford amend Section 7 of Act 93-491 of the 1993 Regular Session (Acts 1993, p. 785), 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 No. 1*

Leasing Tax (Baldwin County) – SB420 by Senator Pittman 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: Local Legislation No. 1*

Water Vessels (Unfunded Mandate) – SB423 by Senator Ross would require proof of liability insurance prior to registration and licensing of vessels operated on the waters of this state if the vessel is registered in this state; exempt vessels that are not powered by a motor; provide penalties for violations; provide for the administration and enforcement of this act. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Student Information – SB424 by Senator Brewbaker would explicitly prohibit the Department of Education, the State Board of Education, local boards of education, public and private schools, and public and private two-year and four-year institutions of higher learning from disclosing personally identifiable student information to any third party without consent, except in limited circumstances. *RFD: Education*

Sunday Sales (City of Dothan) – SB425 by Senator Smith allow the City of Dothan in Dale, Henry, and Houston Counties; to authorize the sale of certain alcoholic beverages in the city on certain days and providing for a referendum. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Local School Foundations – SB426 by Senator Allen would dissolve the foundation and provide for the disbursement of the funds held in the accounts of the foundation. *RFD: Education*

Exploited Children – SB428 by Senator Brewbaker would 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: Governmental Affairs*

Public Schools – SB429 by Senator Williams 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*

Public Schools – SB430 by Senator Figures would establish the Local Control School Flexibility Act of 2013; 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; repeal the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013.
RFD: Education

Gambling Crimes – SB432 by Senator Taylor would provide enhanced penalties for the crimes of promoting gambling, conspire to promote gambling, or possess a gambling device.
RFD: Judiciary

Corporate Limits (City of Florence) – SB434 by Senator Irons would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Florence in Lauderdale County.
RFD: Local Legislation No. 1

Public Service Commission – SB435 by Senator Whatley would increase the state penalties for violations of the gas pipeline safety standards and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities so that they conform with the federal penalties. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Disability Placards – SB436 by Senator Holley would require a windshield placard for special or disability access parking to contain the full name of the disabled individual to whom the placard was issued. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Public Schools – SB437 by Senator Irons would amend the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013, to subject scholarship granting organizations to audits in the same manner as other taxpayers. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

Animal Shelters (Unfunded Mandate) – SB438 by Senator Irons 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, Conservation & Forestry

Public Health Insurance – SB439 by Senator Marsh would create a new board, titled the Public Employees' Health Insurance Board (PEHIB), to govern these two health insurance plans; provide for the membership of the board, election and qualifications of certain members, and terms for appointed and elected members; provide that all references to the State Employees' Insurance Board and the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Board in state law be amended to reference the Public Employees' Health Insurance Board; allow the new Public Employees' Health Insurance Board to combine the State Employees' Health Insurance Plan and the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan; revise the membership of the Public Education Flexible Employees Benefits Board, the Health Care Data Advisory Council, and the Alabama Prescription Cost Initiative Board to add members of the Public Employees' Health Insurance Board and to remove members of the State Employees' Insurance Board and the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Board; revise the Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust and Alabama Retired State Employees' Health Care Trust to

provide for governance by the Public Employees' Health Insurance Board. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

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Public Schools Curriculum - SB443 by Senator Whatley would require each public school high school student, phased in beginning with students entering the ninth grade in the 2013-2014 scholastic year, to complete a course in information technology ethics before graduation from high school. *RFD: Education*

Campaigns & Elections – SB445 by Senator Taylor would amend the Fair Campaign Practices Act; lower contribution threshold amounts; allow designated representatives to file reports; clarify that certain legislative caucuses are not covered by the act; clarify persons subject to violations of the act; change the legislative session prohibition on fundraising to apply to legislative and statewide candidates; clarify allowable spending amounts for dinners and functions; provide for refund and return of contributions; change deadlines for reports; provide further for municipal candidates; move certain provisions of Title 10A to Title 17; clarify and eliminate corporate contribution limits consistent with administrative procedure and certain legal interpretations of law; remove private foundation limits in the PAC to PAC ban; clarify responsible person in PAC to PAC ban; allow certain transfers between state and local political party organizations; transfer certain enforcement provisions from Chapter 17 of Title 17 to Chapter 5 of Title 17; provide further for venue of prosecutions; and provide further for regulation of legislative caucuses. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Gambling Crimes (Unfunded Mandate) – SB446 by Senator Taylor would provide enhanced penalties for these crimes if the defendant profits from gambling activity in an amount exceeding \$10,000. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics and Elections*

Tax Exemption – SB447 by Senator Taylor would include band instruments purchased for use in a school band within the exemption from the sales and use tax during the annual sales tax holiday. *RFD: Finance & Taxation Education*

Court Costs- SB448 by Senator Pittman would provide that all court costs, docket fees, fines, and restitution assessed in a criminal case would be deemed a judgment against the defendant and would be recorded by the judge of probate as a lien against the defendant when a final judgment is presented to the probate judge by the court in which the defendant was convicted. *RFD: Judiciary*

Pay Day Loans - SB449 by Senator Marsh would add to this act the term "Principal Balance" and define the term; provide that a person who is not exempted from the Deferred Presentment Services Act would be subject to the provisions of this act; provide that any loan contract entered into in violation of the act would be void. *RFD: Banking & Insurance*

Public Authorities – SB450 by Senator Orr would allow an awarding authority to let a contract for public works if a newspaper to which an advertisement for sealed bids for the contract was submitted by the awarding authority did not publish the advertisement for one or

more weeks, if the authority can provide proof that it submitted the advertisement to the newspaper. *RFD: Finance & Taxation General Fund*

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Workers' Compensation Reform - SB453 by Senator Marsh would revise certain definitions; provide for the approval of standardized claim reimbursement forms by the Director of the Department of Labor; streamline provisions related to injuries occurring out-of-state; provide further for settlement of claims having attorney representation, inadmissible evidence, and advanced payments; provide further for limitations on total permanent total disability compensation; increase the amount for burial expenses; revise maximum compensation amounts; provide further for the names of physicians on medical panels approving additional treatment; shift the burden for cut-off of treatment, and add pain management treatment; delete verification requirement for filing complaints; add a 14-day requirement to submit stipulation to courts for trial; require judges to enter an order within 90 days of trial; delete requirement of judges to enter an order for hiring of employee's attorney; delete references to the Department of Industrial Relations; provide further for composition of Workers' Compensation Medical Services Board and alter powers and duties of the board; revise schedules of maximum fees and reimbursement rates; and provide for contracts for medical services at mutually agreed rates. *RFD: Business & Labor*

Property Notice – SB455 by Senator Allen would require a governmental agency of the State of Alabama that receives real property from another governmental agency, board, commission, authority, or other political subdivision of the state via an intergovernmental transfer to provide notice of the proposed transfer for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the receiving political subdivision is located before the receiving governmental agency, board, commission, authority, or other political subdivision may take title to the real property. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Retired Investigators – SB456 by Senator Williams would provide that any person employed as an investigator by the Ninth Judicial Circuit who serves for 10 years or more and leaves the office in good standing shall receive, at the district attorney's discretion, his or her service pistol and badge; to provide that investigators for the District Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit shall be hired pursuant to general law; and to repeal Section 45-10-80, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to arrest and service of search warrants by investigators for the District Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 1*

Rock Quarries (Madison County) – SB457 by Senator McGill would regulate the establishment of new rock quarry, concrete plant, or asphalt plant outside the corporate limits of any municipality under certain conditions. *RFD: Local Legislation No. 4*

Voter Registration Publication – SB458 by Senator Sanford 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. *RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections*

Medium Speed Vehicles – SB459 by Dial would relate to motor vehicles and would define medium speed vehicles; provide for the issuance of a restricted motor vehicle license plate for medium speed vehicles to operate on public roads where the minimum posted speed is not greater than 40 miles per hour; provide that the vehicles would be registered in the same manner as private passenger automobiles and would exempt medium speed vehicles from any requirement to have a certificate of title; specify certain safety equipment and federal safety standards for medium speed vehicles. *RFD: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Water Works Boards – SB460 by Senator Waggoner 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: Commerce, Transportation & Utilities*

Judicial Inquiry Commission (Constitutional Amendment) – SB461 by Senator Waggoner would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to specify that the members of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Court of the Judiciary would all be subject to Senate confirmation, would serve four-year terms, and could not serve more than two consecutive terms. *RFD: Judiciary*

Firefighters Annuity & Benefit Fund – SB463 by Senator Smith would alter the membership of the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund. *RFD: Governmental Affairs*

Individuals with Disabilities – SB464 by Senator Figures would require state programs and services to promote the employment of youth and adults with disabilities by coordinating and collaborating to ensure that state programs, policies, procedures, and funding support competitive, integrated employment; authorize state agencies to adopt rules to implement the act; not require any employer to give preference to hiring individuals with disabilities. *RFD: Children, Youth Affairs & Human Resources*