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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create the Priority
9 Budgeting and Responsibility Fund in which revenue
10 generated from any general legislation enacted
11 during the 2015 Second Special Session shall be
12 deposited.

13 This bill, commencing on October 1, 2015,
14 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter, would
15 require money in the fund to be appropriated to
16 specific state agencies and programs for specific
17 purposes according to the priority delineated in
18 the bill.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT

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24 To create the Priority Budgeting and Responsibility
25 Fund; to require the deposit of revenue generated from any
26 general legislation enacted during the 2015 Second Special
27 Session to be deposited into the fund; to provide for the

1 distribution of funds to state agencies and programs according
2 to certain priorities.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) There is created within the State
5 Treasury the Priority Budgeting and Responsibility Fund.

6 (b) Money generated from any general legislation
7 raising revenue enacted during the 2015 Second Special
8 Session, excluding any revenue that is required to be expended
9 or distributed for particular purposes by the Constitution of
10 Alabama of 1901, shall be deposited into the fund and shall be
11 appropriated as provided in subsection (c). Any revenue
12 deposited in the fund during a fiscal year and remaining in
13 the fund following appropriation and distribution as provided
14 in subsection (c) shall remain in the fund and may be used for
15 appropriation and distribution in a subsequent fiscal year.

16 (c) Commencing the fiscal year beginning on October
17 1, 2015, and continuing each fiscal year thereafter, funds in
18 the Priority Budgeting and Responsibility Fund shall be
19 appropriated to state agencies and programs in accordance with
20 the following priority, respective appropriation amounts, and
21 restricted uses:

22 (1) Department of Veterans Affairs: Three million
23 two hundred thousand dollars (\$3,200,000) to be used for staff
24 and support for offices to be open and wait times minimized.

25 (2) Medicaid: Sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) to
26 be used to ensure that children's hospitals, rural health
27 care, and services for senior citizens, including nursing home

1 care, and other portions of the Medicaid Program are
2 adequately funded.

3 (3) Implementation of Act 2015-185, 2015 Regular
4 Session (Prison Reform): Twenty-six million dollars
5 (\$26,000,000).

6 (4) Alabama Department of Public Health: One million
7 two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to be used for
8 restaurant and food inspections.

9 (5) Department of Senior Services: Four million
10 dollars (\$4,000,000) for the funding of, or matching federal
11 funds for, the purchase of meals for homebound senior citizens
12 and congregate meals at senior centers.

13 (6) Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences: Ten
14 million dollars (\$10,000,000) for staff, facilities, and
15 operations necessary for the timely performance of its duties.

16 (7) Department of Agriculture and Industries: One
17 million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000) for staff,
18 facilities, and operations at Poultry Diagnostic Centers
19 necessary for the timely performance of the centers' duties.

20 (8) Alabama Law Enforcement Agency: Two million
21 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the operation of driver's license
22 offices throughout the state. The amount of revenue directly
23 generated in a fiscal year by the agency from the increase in
24 driver's license fees adopted in 2015 shall be deducted from
25 the amount specified in this subdivision prior to an
26 appropriation from the Priority Budgeting and Responsibility
27 Fund.

1 (9) Department of Conservation and Natural
2 Resources, Alabama State Parks Division: Three million dollars
3 (\$3,000,000) for the maintenance and operation of state parks.

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective
5 immediately following its passage and approval by the
6 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.