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SYNOPSIS:

This bill requires appropriations totaling \$475,470,075 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 and continuing into the fiscal year ending September 30, 2035 to compensate the university for the lack of match funding needed for federal formula funding made available to land-grant universities from 1987 through 2020.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. (a) The United States land-grant university system, comprising the 1862 Institutions, 1890 Institutions, and 1994 Institutions, is a



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29 federal-state partnership with a threefold mission of
30 teaching, research, and extensions.

31 (b) The Morrill Act of 1890, which led to the
32 establishment of the 1890 Institutions as land-grant
33 universities, required states choosing to open a second
34 land-grant institution to serve African American students to
35 provide an equitable distribution of funds between their 1862
36 and 1890 land-grant institutions.

37 (c) Tuskegee University, an 1890 land-grant university,
38 was established as the Tuskegee Institute by an act of the
39 Legislature in 1881 and separately incorporated by an act of
40 the legislature in 1892. The university has received
41 appropriations from the Legislature since 1881. While
42 producing extraordinary graduates that contribute greatly to
43 the state's economy, Tuskegee University has not been able to
44 advance in ways that are on par with Alabama's 1862 land-grant
45 university in large part due to unbalanced funding due to the
46 disparities that have existed in the state matching of federal
47 formula funding made available and longstanding and ongoing
48 under-investments in infrastructure, research and development,
49 and student supported services.

50 Section 2. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that
51 Tuskegee University be made whole for the disparities that
52 have existed in the state matching of federal formula funding
53 made available to the university for 1890 land-grant
54 universities.

55 (b) There is hereby annually appropriated from the
56 Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University the following



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57 amounts in the following fiscal years:

- 58 (1) For the fiscal year ending 2025 -- \$47,547,008;
- 59 (2) For the fiscal year ending 2026 -- \$47,547,008;
- 60 (3) For the fiscal year ending 2027 -- \$47,547,008;
- 61 (4) For the fiscal year ending 2028 -- \$47,547,008;
- 62 (5) For the fiscal year ending 2029 -- \$47,547,008;
- 63 (6) For the fiscal year ending 2030 -- \$47,547,008;
- 64 (7) For the fiscal year ending 2031 -- \$47,547,008;
- 65 (8) For the fiscal year ending 2032 -- \$47,547,008;
- 66 (9) For the fiscal year ending 2033 -- \$47,547,008;
- 67 (10) For the fiscal year ending 2034 -- \$47,547,008;
- 68 (11) For the fiscal year ending 2035 -- \$47,547,008;

69 (c) The aggregate total of these appropriations
70 represent the amount that Tuskegee University would have
71 received, from 1987 to 2020, if the university's state funding
72 per student were equal to that of the 1862 land-grant
73 institution.

74 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
75 1, 2024.