

2019

Alabama State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Alabama's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. It is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Alabama’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examined legislative votes related to the Foundation’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examined votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN ALABAMA IN 2020

The Foundation’s study examined over 1,671 floor votes and, in the end, included 21 Alabama House votes and 20 Alabama Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was

ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #105 in the House and #35 in the Senate. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2019 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Alabama House and Alabama Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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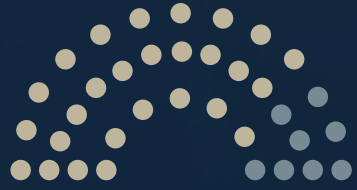
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27 Republicans

8 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 18%

Average Democrat Score: 17%



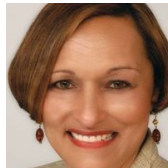
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Senator Shay Shelnett (SD-17) | 38%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Del Marsh (SD-12) | 4%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Vivian Figures (SD-33) | 30%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Malika Sanders-Fortier (SD-23) | 12%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N		
POINTS					13	5	2	5	4	4	5	7	5	2	5	5	3	6	7	6	5	4	3	4		
Albritton, Greg	SD-22	R	20%	20%	-	-	-	X	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	9	
Allen, Gerald	SD-21	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	16	
Barfoot, Will	SD-25	R	32%	32%	13	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	
Beasley, William	SD-28	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	
Burkette, David	SD-26	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	X	-	-	-	-	-	16	
Butler, Tom	SD-02	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	
Chambliss, Clyde	SD-30	R	9%	9%	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	
Chesteen, Donnie	SD-29	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	
Coleman-Madison, Linda	SD-20	D	18%	18%	-	X	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	X	-	-	-	X	X	11	
Dunn, Priscilla	SD-19	D	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Elliott, Chris	SD-32	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	X	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
Figures, Vivian	SD-33	D	30%	30%	13	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	X	-	X	4	5	
Givhan, Sam	SD-07	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	
Gudger, Garlan	SD-04	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	
Holley, Jimmy	SD-31	R	n/a	n/a	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	5	X	X	X		
Jones, Andrew	SD-10	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	
Livingston, Steve	SD-08	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	
Marsh, Del	SD-12	R	4%	4%	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	
McClendon, Jim	SD-11	R	27%	27%	13	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
Melson, Tim	SD-01	R	19%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	10	

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POINTS					13	5	2	5	4	4	5	7	5	2	5	5	3	6	7	6	5	4	3	4	
Orr, Arthur	SD-03	R	23%	23%	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	-	X	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	7
Price, Randy	SD-13	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	X	-	23
Reed, Greg	SD-05	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	16
Roberts, Dan	SD-15	R	32%	32%	13	5	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sanders-Fortier, Malika	SD-23	D	12%	12%	-	-	X	-	X	-	5	-	X	-	X	X	3	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	29
Scofield, Clay	SD-09	R	12%	12%	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
Sessions, David	SD-35	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	X	5	-	-	X	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	13
Shelnutt, Shay	SD-17	R	38%	38%	13	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	X	-	X	X	3	6	-	-	X	X	-	-	1
Singleton, Bobby	SD-24	D	18%	18%	-	-	-	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	X	X	11
Smitherman, Rodger	SD-18	D	13%	13%	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	-	X	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Stutts, Larry	SD-06	R	34%	34%	13	-	-	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	5	-	-	-	2
Waggoner, J. T.	SD-16	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	X	-	-	16
Ward, Cam	SD-14	R	21%	21%	-	5	-	X	-	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Whatley, Thomas	SD-27	R	9%	9%	-	-	-	X	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Williams, Jack	SD-34	R	16%	16%	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	X	-	-	-	-	-	13

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HB 2

PROCEDURALLY DECEITFUL GAS TAX INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth bill, which increases fuel taxes by 10 cents a gallon over three years, was purposely ushered into passage during a special legislative session, allowing for only a mere majority needed to raise taxes on Alabamans instead of the supermajority requirement for a regular session. The Alabama House passed this, 83-20, on March 8, 2019. The Senate passed it, 28-6, on March 12, 2019.

HB 77

NEW DEFINED BENEFIT STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new and expensive Tier III retirement plan for teachers and public school employees on top of existing Tier I and Tier II retirement plans. Teachers on this new plan could receive up to 80 percent of their salary upon retirement. Taxpayers carry

the enormous burden from defined benefit plans because the plans are often overly generous, underfunded, and frequently raided. Responsible lawmakers should insist on phasing them out and instituting defined contribution plans instead. The House passed this, 100-0, on April 25, 2019. The Senate passed it, 27-4, on May 31, 2019.

HB 104

MOBILE COUNTY TOBACCO TAX SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill levies new taxes on the sale, distribution, and use of tobacco products in Mobile County. The taxes range from an additional 20 cents on packages of cigarettes and tobacco substitutes all the way up to 34 cents on packages of tobacco paper. The state legislature should not be condoning new taxation schemes. The Alabama House passed the bill, 29-0, with 75 legislators not voting on April 18, 2019. It passed the Alabama Senate, 30-0, on May 2, 2019.

HB 118

EXTENDING LICENSING SCHEME ON MASSAGE THERAPISTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization for the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy until 2023. Such an entity should not exist. Overly burdensome occupational licensing schemes serve as a barrier of entry for those attempting to enter into a certain field while providing unnecessary revenue streams to government and crowding out the competition in favor of established brands. The Alabama House passed this bill, 98-0, on March 21, 2019. The Senate passed it, 29-0, on April 11, 2019.

HB 152

THE 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$2.1 billion in spending for the State General Fund. This is a \$100 million increase—roughly 5 percent—over 2018 General Fund spending. A common benchmark to grade spending increases is the growth rate in

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population plus inflation, which stood at just 1.73%. Since this bill grows beyond that, it forces an extra burden on Alabama taxpayers that they shouldn't have to carry. The Alabama House passed this spending increase, 101-0, on May 30, 2019. The Senate passed it, 25-0, later the same day.

HB 155

RETROACTIVE TAX ON PERSONAL PROPERTY RENTALS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes a new retroactive license tax, in addition to already existing taxes, on individuals leasing or renting so-called "tangible personal property." The tax is four percent of gross proceeds to the lessor. Incredulously, the legislation specifically blesses the practice of passing on the cost of the tax to the customer. The Alabama House passed this bill, 100-0, on April 23, 2019. The Senate passed it, 33-0, on April 18, 2019.

HB 203

EXPANDED TAXPAYER ADVOCACY

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill amends the Alabama Taxpayer Bill of Rights to allow for additional taxpayer advocates at the state's Department of Revenue to work on behalf of Alabamans inquiring or appealing their particular case. Additionally, the legislation provides these advocates with the authority to waive certain penalties based on reasonable cause providing additional resources to protect taxpayers. The Alabama House passed the bill, 92-0, on April 16, 2019. The Senate passed it, 31-0, on April 30, 2019.

HB 225

MISGUIDED EQUAL PAY LEGISLATION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill attempts to address workplace discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex. While the bill provides exceptions based on seniority, merit, and earnings based on the quantity or quality of products, it extends the timeframe for a cause of action to two years instead of one year. Furthermore, it provides the ability for an employee or prospective

employee to sue an employer under both federal and state law. If successful, the individual keeps whichever amount is higher. This will potentially open the door to frivolous lawsuits, leading to employers spending resources on litigation and offsetting it by raising prices on consumers. The Alabama House passed the bill, 102-0, on May 30, 2019. The Senate passed it, 27-0, the same day.

HB 241

EXPANSIVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LICENSING SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases, by tenfold, the maximum fine the Examiner's Board of Landscape Architecture can impose against a licensee from \$250 to \$2,500 per violation. It also authorizes the board to assess the costs of conducting a disciplinary action against an accused who is found guilty of the charges and increases the license application fee from \$75 to \$150. The Alabama House passed the bill, 72-19, on April 23, 2019. The Senate passed it, 29-0, on May 7, 2019.

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HB 299

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RENTAL TAX INCREASE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is yet another tax imposed on individuals and businesses leasing or renting so-called “tangible personal property” such as automobiles, trailers, and rental passenger vehicles in Montgomery County. This bill passed the Alabama House, 20-0, with 84 not voting on April 9, 2019. It passed the Senate, 33-0, on April 18, 2019.

HB 39

BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TAX

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorized the Birmingham industrial development board to implement a .0025% “fee” on any business applicant that receives a tax abatement on projects up to \$40,000,000. The purpose of the tax is ostensibly for “economic development.” Such cronyism and taxation schemes are designed to benefit the well-connected and further ensconce big government’s merger with big business at the

expense of entrepreneurs and taxpayers. This bill passed the Alabama House, 13-0, with 91 not voting on May 16, 2019. It passed the Senate, 29-0, on May 23, 2019.

HB 518

STATE CONTROL OF THE WORD “MEAT”

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would prohibit lab-grown meat, or meat-substitute proteins, from being labeled as either meat or a meat food product. For the government to interfere in the marketplace to prevent the free use of the English language is to stifle commercial speech and reduce competition on behalf of special interests. The Alabama House passed this bill, 97-2, on May 14, 2019. The Alabama Senate passed it, 30-0, on May 23, 2019.

HB 537

NEW GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill establishes a new committee to review government spending integrity and efficiency known as the Commission on Evaluation of

Services. This is an important reform needed to pierce through Alabama’s opaque budget process to determine whether or not Alabamans are having their hard-earned tax dollars spent wisely and effectively. The Alabama House passed the bill, 85-0, on May 30, 2019. The Senate passed it, 30-0, on May 29, 2019.

SB 73

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits medical device and biologics middlemen, commonly known as pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), from prohibiting pharmacies from disclosing the costs of alternative treatments to customers as well as providing price points for medication without insurance. PBMs have been estimated to have an impact as high as \$100 billion per year in increased prescription drug costs to consumers. Transparency will help reduce that cost. The Alabama House passed the bill, 101-0, on May 29, 2019. The Senate passed it, 27-0, on May 15, 2019.

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SB 78

NEW TAXPAYER-FUNDED CRONYISM GRANTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is known as the “Alabama Innovation Act” and creates a new series of grants under a new agency (the Alabama Research and Development Enhancement Fund) to dole out taxpayer-funded money to universities and tax-exempt nonprofits headquartered in the state to conduct research on biofuels and government-preferred industries. The amount of money appropriated is not capped and subject to the state legislature under the guise of allegedly bolstering the private sector through tax dollars aimed at sparking “innovation”. The Alabama House passed the bill, 103-0, on May 31, 2019. The Senate passed it, 30-0, later the same day.

SB 112

NEW TOURISM TAX ON MOBILE BUSINESSES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new tax on certain businesses

in Mobile for the purpose of promoting tourism. Poor public policy like this creates winners and losers among industries and businesses and advances government-sanctioned cronyism and favoritism. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 32-0, on April 18, 2019. The Alabama House passed it, 32-0, with 72 legislators not voting on May 14, 2019.

SB 147

EXPANDED TAXPAYER-FUNDED PENSION BENEFITS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the benefits provided to Tier I retirement plans to those enrolled in Tier II retirement plans. The expansion of benefits to Tier II members, who have been enrolled in a taxpayer-funded pension and retirement plan for fewer years than Tier I members, is short-sighted and once again sets up future fiscal burdens for Alabama taxpayers. The Alabama House passed the bill, 98-0, on May 2, 2019. The Senate passed it, 24-7, on April 16, 2019.

SB 192

FOUR PERCENT ACROSS-THE-BOARD TEACHER PAY RAISE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provided a 4 percent across-the-board pay raise for all certified K-12 teachers and administrative personnel in the Alabama public school system. This spending is well above inflation, which stood at 1.4 percent at the time of this vote, and does not take into account the performance of teachers and administrative personnel. Such lazy policies contribute both to unhealthy long-term fiscal outlooks and stagnation in educational outcomes. The Alabama House passed the bill, 103-0, on May 28, 2019. The Senate passed it on, 31-0, on May 2, 2019.

SB 195

BIG SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BILL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates a total of \$7.5 million to various state entities in addition to the existing \$7.1 billion provided for in the 2019 Education Trust Fund Budget. Such spending decisions should be

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confined within the state's budget process, not outside of existing authorization levels. Alabama's bifurcated state budget structure and opaque process at times make it easier for lawmakers to simply appropriate new or additional money for governmental entities outside of the confines of the state's budget. This is in dire need of reform. The House passed this, 103-0, on May 28, 2019. The Senate passed it, 29-0, on May 2, 2019.

SB 199

THE 2018 EDUCATION TRUST FUND BUDGET

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$7.1 billion in spending for the Education Trust Fund. This is a \$500 million increase--roughly 7.5 percent--over 2018 Education Trust Fund spending. A common benchmark to grade spending increases is the growth rate in population plus inflation, which stood at just 1.73%. Since this bill grows beyond that, it forces an extra burden on Alabama taxpayers that they shouldn't have to carry. The Alabama House passed this spending increase, 102-0, on May 31, 2019. The Senate passed it, 30-1, on the same day.

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77 Republicans

28 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 21%

Average Democrat Score: 18%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Tommy Hanes (HD-23) | 46%
Rep. Arnold Mooney (HD-43) | 46%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Victor Gaston (HD-100) | 4%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. John Rogers (HD-52) | 40%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Laura Hall (HD-19) | 14%
Rep. Artis McCampbell (HD-71) | 14%

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POINTS					13	3	5	2	5	4	3	5	8	5	2	5	4	3	6	7	6	5	3	2	4	
Alexander, Louise	HD-056	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Allen, Wes	HD-089	R	23%	23%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	21
Baker, Alan	HD-066	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Ball, Mike	HD-010	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Blackshear, Chris	HD-080	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	72
Boyd, Barbara	HD-032	D	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
Bracy, Napoleon	HD-098	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Brown, Chip	HD-105	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Brown, K.L.	HD-040	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Carns, Jim	HD-048	R	33%	33%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	-	X	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	10
Chestnut, Prince	HD-067	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Clarke, Adline	HD-097	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Clouse, Steve	HD-093	R	15%	15%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Coleman, Merika	HD-057	D	18%	18%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	X	-	-	-	32
Collins, Terri	HD-008	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Crawford, Danny	HD-005	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Daniels, Anthony	HD-053	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Dismukes, Will	HD-088	R	30%	30%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	X	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	18
Drake, Dickie	HD-045	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	32
Drummond, Barbara	HD-103	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72

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Easterbrook, Brett	HD-065	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Ellis, Corley	HD-041	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
England, Christopher	HD-070	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Estes, Tracy	HD-017	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	X	32
Farley, Allen	HD-015	R	28%	28%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	19
Faulkner, David	HD-046	R	17%	17%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Faust, Joe	HD-094	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
Fincher, Bob	HD-037	R	32%	32%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	13
Forte, Berry	HD-084	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Fridy, Matt	HD-073	R	32%	32%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	13
Garrett, Danny	HD-044	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	32
Gaston, Victor	HD-100	R	4%	4%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	3	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	103
Givan, Juandalynn	HD-060	D	16%	16%	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	X	-	-	-	49
Gray, Jeremy	HD-083	D	17%	17%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Greer, Lynn	HD-002	R	18%	18%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	X	-	-	-	32
Grimsley, Dexter	HD-085	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Hall, Laura	HD-019	D	14%	14%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	5	X	X	-	X	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	93
Hanes, Tommy	HD-023	R	46%	46%	13	X	-	X	-	X	-	5	X	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	1
Harbison, Corey	HD-012	R	33%	33%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	10
Hatcher, Kirk	HD-078	D	18%	18%	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	32

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Hill, Jim	HD-050	R	19%	19%	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	31
Hollis, Rolanda	HD-058	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Holmes, Mike	HD-031	R	36%	36%	13	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	8
Howard, Ralph	HD-072	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Hurst, Stephen	HD-035	R	22%	22%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	23
Ingram, Reed	HD-075	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Isbell, Gil	HD-028	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Jackson, Thomas	HD-068	D	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Johnson, Ronald	HD-033	R	32%	32%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	13
Jones, Mike	HD-092	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Jones, Sam	HD-099	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Kiel, Jamie	HD-018	R	39%	39%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	4
Kitchens, Wes	HD-027	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Lawrence, Kelvin	HD-069	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Ledbetter, Nathaniel	HD-024	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Lee, Paul	HD-086	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
Lipscomb, Craig	HD-030	R	12%	12%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	100
Lovvorn, Joe	HD-079	R	11%	11%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	101
Marques, Rhett	HD-091	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Martin, James	HD-042	R	n/a	n/a	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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McC Campbell, Artis	HD-071	D	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
McClammy, Thad	HD-076	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
McC Cutcheon, Mac	HD-025	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
McMillan, Steve	HD-095	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	93
Mooney, Arnold	HD-043	R	46%	46%	13	X	-	X	X	-	X	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	X	-	-	-	1
Moore, Mary	HD-059	D	38%	38%	13	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	5	X	X	4	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Moore, Parker	HD-004	R	20%	20%	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	26
Morris, TaShina	HD-077	D	17%	17%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	5	X	X	X	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Nordgren, Becky	HD-029	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Oliver, Ed	HD-081	R	21%	21%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	25
Pettus, Phillip	HD-001	R	23%	23%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	21
Polizos, Dimitri	HD-074	R	n/a	n/a	-	I	I	I	-	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
Poole, William	HD-063	R	11%	11%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	101
Pringle, Chris	HD-101	R	17%	17%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Rafferty, Neil	HD-054	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Reynolds, Rex	HD-021	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Rich, Kerry	HD-026	R	17%	17%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Robertson, Proncey	HD-007	R	13%	13%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	X	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	99
Rogers, John	HD-052	D	40%	40%	13	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	5	-	X	4	3	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	3
Rowe, Connie	HD-013	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49

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Sanderford, Howard	HD-020	R	17%	17%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	X	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Scott, Roderick	HD-055	D	15%	15%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	72
Sells, Chris	HD-090	R	18%	18%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	32
Shaver, Ginny	HD-039	R	17%	17%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41
Shedd, Randall	HD-011	R	14%	14%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	X	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	93
Shiver, Harry	HD-064	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Simpson, Matt	HD-096	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Sorrell, Andrew	HD-003	R	33%	33%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	10
Sorrells, Jeff	HD-087	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
South, Kyle	HD-016	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	32
Stadthagen, Scott	HD-009	R	32%	32%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	13
Standridge, David	HD-034	R	35%	35%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	9
Stringer, Shane	HD-102	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Sullivan, Rodney	HD-061	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Treadaway, Allen	HD-051	R	32%	32%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	13
Wadsworth, Timothy	HD-014	R	22%	22%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	23
Warren, Pebblin	HD-082	D	15%	15%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Weaver, April	HD-049	R	27%	27%	13	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	20
Wheeler, David	HD-047	R	37%	37%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	-	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	7
Whitt, Andy	HD-006	R	17%	17%	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	41

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Whorton, Ritchie	HD-022	R	39%	39%	13	X	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	5	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	4
Wilcox, Margie	HD-104	R	15%	15%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Wingo, Rich	HD-062	R	18%	18%	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	32
Wood, Debbie	HD-038	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49
Wood, Randy	HD-036	R	16%	16%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	-	3	6	-	X	-	-	-	-	49

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HB 2

PROCEDURALLY DECEITFUL GAS TAX INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth bill, which increases fuel taxes by 10 cents a gallon over three years, was purposely ushered into passage during a special legislative session, allowing for only a mere majority needed to raise taxes on Alabamans instead of the supermajority requirement for a regular session. The Alabama House passed this, 83-20, on March 8, 2019. The Senate passed it, 28-6, on March 12, 2019.

HB 26

REGULATING EYEBROW MICROBLADING COSMETOLOGY (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new regulatory scheme through the State Department of Health to regulate eyebrow cosmetologists. Aside from creating yet another occupational licensing scheme as a barrier of entry into the field, the bill would institute a \$250 initial licensing fee for facilities

that use microblading techniques and create a permanent \$200 annual tax on businesses to continue the practice. The Alabama House passed this bill, 78-0, on May 21, 2019. The Senate did not take up the bill.

HB 77

NEW DEFINED BENEFIT STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new and expensive Tier III retirement plan for teachers and public school employees on top of existing Tier I and Tier II retirement plans. Teachers on this new plan could receive up to 80 percent of their salary upon retirement. Taxpayers carry the enormous burden from defined benefit plans because the plans are often overly generous, underfunded, and frequently raided. Responsible lawmakers should insist on phasing them out and instituting defined contribution plans instead. The House passed this, 100-0, on April 25, 2019. The Senate passed it, 27-4, on May 31, 2019.

HB 104

MOBILE COUNTY TOBACCO TAX SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill levies new taxes on the sale, distribution, and use of tobacco products in Mobile County. The taxes range from an additional 20 cents on packages of cigarettes and tobacco substitutes all the way up to 34 cents on packages of tobacco paper. The state legislature should not be condoning new taxation schemes. The Alabama House passed the bill, 29-0, with 75 legislators not voting on April 18, 2019. It passed the Alabama Senate, 30-0, on May 2, 2019.

HB 118

EXTENDING LICENSING SCHEME ON MASSAGE THERAPISTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization for the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy until 2023. Such an entity should not exist. Overly burdensome occupational licensing schemes serve as a barrier of entry for those attempting to enter into a certain field while providing unnecessary revenue streams

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to government and crowding out the competition in favor of established brands. The Alabama House passed this bill, 98-0, on March 21, 2019. The Senate passed it, 29-0, on April 11, 2019.

HB 152

THE 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$2.1 billion in spending for the State General Fund. This is a \$100 million increase--roughly 5 percent--over 2018 General Fund spending. A common benchmark to grade spending increases is the growth rate in population plus inflation, which stood at just 1.73%. Since this bill grows beyond that, it forces an extra burden on Alabama taxpayers that they shouldn't have to carry. The Alabama House passed this spending increase, 101-0, on May 30, 2019. The Senate passed it, 25-0, later the same day.

HB 155

RETROACTIVE TAX ON PERSONAL PROPERTY RENTALS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes a new retroactive license tax, in addition to already existing taxes, on

individuals leasing or renting so-called "tangible personal property." The tax is four percent of gross proceeds to the lessor. Incredulously, the legislation specifically blesses the practice of passing on the cost of the tax to the customer. The Alabama House passed this bill, 100-0, on April 23, 2019. The Senate passed it, 33-0, on April 18, 2019.

HB 203

EXPANDED TAXPAYER ADVOCACY

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill amends the Alabama Taxpayer Bill of Rights to allow for additional taxpayer advocates at the state's Department of Revenue to work on behalf of Alabamans inquiring or appealing their particular case. Additionally, the legislation provides these advocates with the authority to waive certain penalties based on reasonable cause providing additional resources to protect taxpayers. The Alabama House passed the bill, 92-0, on April 16, 2019. The Senate passed it, 31-0, on April 30, 2019.

HB 225

MISGUIDED EQUAL PAY LEGISLATION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill attempts to address workplace discrimination in the payment of wages based on sex. While the bill provides exceptions based on seniority, merit, and earnings based on the quantity or quality of products, it extends the timeframe for a cause of action to two years instead of one year. Furthermore, it provides the ability for an employee or prospective employee to sue an employer under both federal and state law. If successful, the individual keeps whichever amount is higher. This will potentially open the door to frivolous lawsuits, leading to employers spending resources on litigation and offsetting it by raising prices on consumers. The Alabama House passed the bill, 102-0, on May 30, 2019. The Senate passed it, 27-0, the same day.

HB 241

EXPANSIVE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LICENSING SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases, by tenfold, the maximum fine the Examiner's Board of Landscape Architecture

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can impose against a licensee from \$250 to \$2,500 per violation. It also authorizes the board to assess the costs of conducting a disciplinary action against an accused who is found guilty of the charges and increases the license application fee from \$75 to \$150. The Alabama House passed the bill, 72-19, on April 23, 2019. The Senate passed it, 29-0, on May 7, 2019.

HB 299

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RENTAL TAX INCREASE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is yet another tax imposed on individuals and businesses leasing or renting so-called “tangible personal property” such as automobiles, trailers, and rental passenger vehicles in Montgomery County. This bill passed the Alabama House, 20-0, with 84 not voting on April 9, 2019. It passed the Senate, 33-0, on April 18, 2019.

HB 396

BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TAX (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorized the Birmingham industrial development board to implement a .0025%

“fee” on any business applicant that receives a tax abatement on projects up to \$40,000,000. The purpose of the tax is ostensibly for “economic development.” Such cronyism and taxation schemes are designed to benefit the well-connected and further ensconce big government’s merger with big business at the expense of entrepreneurs and taxpayers. This bill passed the Alabama House, 13-0, with 91 not voting on May 16, 2019. It passed the Senate, 29-0, on May 23, 2019.

HB 518

STATE CONTROL OF THE WORD “MEAT” (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would prohibit lab-grown meat, or meat-substitute proteins, from being labeled as either meat or a meat food product. For the government to interfere in the marketplace to prevent the free use of the English language is to stifle commercial speech and reduce competition on behalf of special interests. The Alabama House passed this bill, 97-2, on May 14, 2019. The Alabama Senate passed it, 30-0, on May 23, 2019.

HB 537

NEW GOVERNMENT INTEGRITY COMMISSION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill establishes a new committee to review government spending integrity and efficiency known as the Commission on Evaluation of Services. This is an important reform needed to pierce through Alabama’s opaque budget process to determine whether or not Alabamans are having their hard-earned tax dollars spent wisely and effectively. The Alabama House passed the bill, 85-0, on May 30, 2019. The Senate passed it, 30-0, on May 29, 2019.

SB 73

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits medical device and biologics middlemen, commonly known as pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), from prohibiting pharmacies from disclosing the costs of alternative treatments to customers as well as providing price points for medication without insurance. PBMs have been estimated to have

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an impact as high as \$100 billion per year in increased prescription drug costs to consumers. Transparency will help reduce that cost. The Alabama House passed the bill, 101-0, on May 29, 2019. The Senate passed it, 27-0, on May 15, 2019.

SB 78

NEW TAXPAYER-FUNDED CRONYISM GRANTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill is known as the “Alabama Innovation Act” and creates a new series of grants under a new agency (the Alabama Research and Development Enhancement Fund) to dole out taxpayer-funded money to universities and tax-exempt nonprofits headquartered in the state to conduct research on biofuels and government-preferred industries. The amount of money appropriated is not capped and is subject to the state legislature under the guise of allegedly bolstering the private sector through tax dollars aimed at sparking “innovation”. The Alabama House passed the bill, 103-0, on May 31, 2019. The Senate passed it, 30-0, later the same day.

SB 112

NEW TOURISM TAX ON MOBILE BUSINESSES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new tax on certain businesses in Mobile for the purpose of promoting tourism. Poor public policy like this creates winners and losers among industries and businesses and advances government-sanctioned cronyism and favoritism. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 32-0, on April 18, 2019. The Alabama House passed it, 32-0, with 72 legislators not voting on May 14, 2019.

SB 147

EXPANDED TAXPAYER-FUNDED PENSION BENEFITS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the benefits provided to Tier I retirement plans to those enrolled in Tier II retirement plans. The expansion of benefits to Tier II members, who have been enrolled in a taxpayer-funded pension and retirement plan for fewer years than Tier I members, is short-sighted and once again sets up future fiscal burdens for

Alabama taxpayers. The Alabama House passed the bill, 98-0, on May 2, 2019. The Senate passed it, 24-7, on April 16, 2019.

SB 192

FOUR PERCENT ACROSS-THE-BOARD TEACHER PAY RAISE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provided a 4 percent across-the-board pay raise for all certified K-12 teachers and administrative personnel in the Alabama public school system. This spending is well above inflation, which stood at 1.4 percent at the time of this vote, and does not take into account the performance of teachers and administrative personnel. Such lazy policies contribute both to unhealthy long-term fiscal outlooks and stagnation in educational outcomes. The Alabama House passed the bill, 103-0, on May 28, 2019. The Senate passed it, 31-0, on May 2, 2019.

SB 195

BIG SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BILL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates a total of \$7.5 million to various state entities in addition to the existing \$7.1

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billion provided for in the 2019 Education Trust Fund Budget. Such spending decisions should be confined within the state's budget process, not outside of existing authorization levels. Alabama's bifurcated state budget structure and opaque process at times make it easier for lawmakers to simply appropriate new or additional money for governmental entities outside of the confines of the state's budget. This is in dire need of reform. The House passed this, 103-0, on May 28, 2019. The Senate passed it, 29-0, on May 2, 2019.

SB 199

THE 2018 EDUCATION TRUST FUND BUDGET

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$7.1 billion in spending for the Education Trust Fund. This is a \$500 million increase--roughly 7.5 percent--over 2018 Education Trust Fund spending. A common benchmark to grade spending increases is the growth rate in population plus inflation, which stood at just 1.73%. Since this bill grows beyond that, it forces an extra burden on Alabama taxpayers that they shouldn't have to carry. The

Alabama House passed this spending increase, 102-0, on May 31, 2019. The Senate passed it, 30-1, on the same day.

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