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SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide an income tax credit for the purchase of qualified classroom supplies by a public K-12 teacher.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To add a new Article 12, consisting of Section 40-18-320, to Chapter 18, Title 40, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to income taxes; to provide an income tax credit for the purchase of qualified classroom supplies by a public K-12 teacher.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 40-18-320 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§40-18-320.

(a) An Alabama income tax credit is established for qualified education expenses paid or incurred by a public school teacher. The income tax credit may not exceed three
hundred dollars ($300) per year. In the case of a married
couple filing jointly, where both spouses are public school
teachers, the tax credit may not exceed six hundred dollars
($600) per year.

(b) For the purposes of this section, a public
school teacher is a person employed as a teacher by a local
board of education in the state for at least 900 hours a
school year.

(c) For the purposes of this section, qualified
education expenses include expenditures for any of the
following for use by the public school teacher in the
classroom or by the students in his or her classroom:

(1) Books.

(2) Supplies, other than nonathletic supplies for
courses of instruction in health or physical education.

(3) Computer equipment, including related software
and services.

(4) Other equipment and supplementary materials.

(d) The income tax credit provided by this section
shall be allowed against the tax imposed by this chapter and
may not decrease the tax liability of a taxpayer to less than
zero. The tax credit may be claimed only in the tax year of
the eligible expenditure.

Section 2. This act shall become effective
immediately following its passage and approval by the
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law, for the tax years
commencing after December 31, 2011.