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By Representative Williams (J)

RFD: Rules

First Read: 05-FEB-13
URGING EACH STATE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE, AND AGENCY RECEIVING CHILDREN FIRST TRUST FUND ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO THE TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT TO FORMULATE A PLAN FOR REMAINING ECONOMICALLY VIABLE WHEN THE TRUST FUND ALLOCATIONS END.

WHEREAS, the following state departments, agencies, and offices receive annual allocations from the Children First Trust Fund pursuant to the Tobacco Master Settlement (TMS):

(1) Department of Education.
(2) Department of Human Resources.
(3) Department of Youth Services.
(4) Administrative Office of Courts.
(5) Department of Public Health.
(6) Department of Child Abuse and Neglect.
(7) Department of Mental Health and Retardation.
(8) Multiple Needs Child Office.
(9) Medicaid Agency.
(10) Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.
(11) Department of Forensic Sciences.

(12) Department of Rehabilitation Services; and

WHEREAS, TMS funding will end in 2024, and the annual funding of those agencies will be significantly reduced; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Legislature urges each of the named departments, agencies, and offices to adopt a formal plan to ensure their economic viability upon the ending of the TMS payments to the Children Trust Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the affected departments, agencies, and offices are urged to provide the formal plans to the Speaker of the House, the House Minority Leader, the Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Senate Minority Leader not later than the 20th legislative day of the 2014 Regular Session.