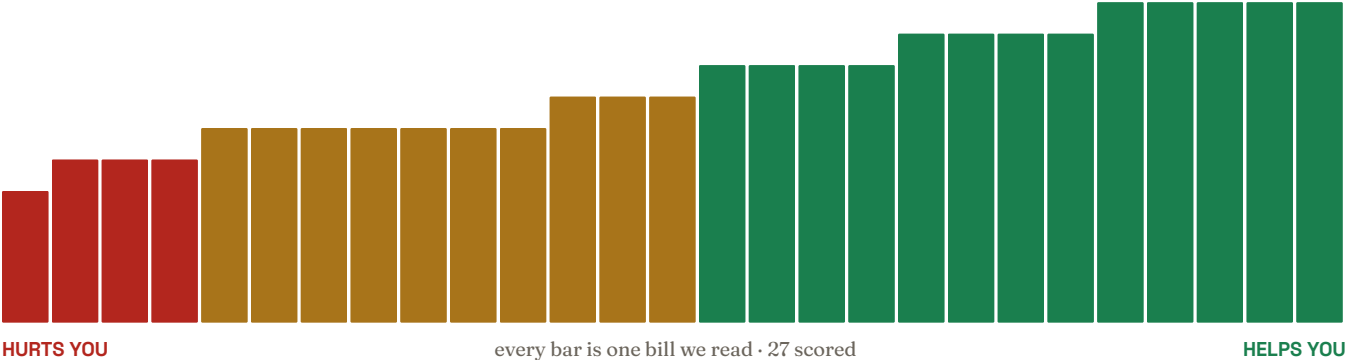




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Alabama Bill Book 2026

The Alabama bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 27 Alabama bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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4/10	HB286	The Broadcast Stations Bill — Broadcast stations could get tax breaks on energy use
4/10	HB531	The Breaks & Utilities Bill — Contractors could get tax breaks on gas and utilities
4/10	SB13	The Poultry Houses Bill — Poultry houses could get tax breaks on energy costs
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8/10	SB111	The Trade Schools Bill — New program to boost trade schools with tax credits
8/10	HB528	The Collect & Data Bill — Alabama plans new dementia network to collect and share data
7/10	HB5	The Service Contracts Bill — New rules force service contracts to show clear terms

The Horse & Races Bill

Lowndes County proposes betting tax on horse and dog races

AL HB519 • Money & Damages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill would open more betting chances, which can cost people money. It also promises tax money for county projects, so residents should decide if the tradeoff is worth it.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — .
Bill does not change oversight
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — .
No new consumer protections
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — .
Tax on bettors shifts cost to consumers
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — .
Standard legislative process

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Lowndes County, pari-mutuel wagering on simulcast past events and live horse and dog races under certain conditions; tax levied; distribution of revenue, provided

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-26

The county could let people bet on horse and dog races and charge a tax that goes to local projects.

horse and dog racing

Official text (AL HB519) – <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegisScan – HB519 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB519/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb519-125640

The Broadcast Stations Bill

Broadcast stations could get tax breaks on energy use

AL HB286 • Money & Damages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, broadcast stations will save money on energy taxes. This could help them, but it might mean less money for public services.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Tax breaks could shift costs to the public..
Less tax revenue could affect public services.
- Accountability (hurts)** — Less tax revenue means less oversight..
Broadcast stations may not be held accountable for energy use.
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No direct impact on individual rights..
The bill does not affect individual rights.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: broadcast stations
Bearing the cost: public services

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Taxation; Energy use in broadcast stations, exempt from utility gross receipts and utility service use tax

AL HB286

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let broadcast stations avoid paying certain taxes on energy, which could save them money.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (AL HB286) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB286 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB286/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb286-087376

YOUR NOTES

The Breaks & Utilities Bill

Contractors could get tax breaks on gas and utilities

AL HB531 • Money & Damages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could mean less money for public services since the state would collect fewer taxes. It's important to think about who really benefits from these tax breaks.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (hurts) — This bill shifts tax burden away from contractors..
Less tax revenue could impact state funding for services.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: contractors

Bearing the cost: state services

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Taxation; to exempt certain contractors from utility gross receipts tax, utility service use tax, and sales and use tax on natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas.

WHAT IT DOES

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb531-125759

YOUR NOTES

The Poultry Houses Bill

Poultry houses could get tax breaks on energy costs

AL SB13 • Money & Damages

4/10

OBLITERATE

Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it might help poultry farms save money, but regular people might end up paying more in taxes instead.

WHY IT SCORES 4/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Shifts tax burden to others.
Regular taxpayers may have to cover the lost revenue.

Funding Tilt (hurts) — Benefits a specific industry.
Poultry industry could benefit financially.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Poultry industry

Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Taxation; Energy use in poultry houses, exempt from utility gross receipts and utility service use tax

AL SB13 Introduced · recorded 2026-01-13

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let poultry farms avoid some taxes on energy, which could save them money.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (AL SB13) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — SB13 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/SB13/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-sb13-041841

YOUR NOTES

The Credits Factories Bill

Alabama offers tax credits to bring factories back rural

AL HB594 • Work & Wages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens could see new jobs in small towns, but the tax credits and grants will be paid for by taxpayers, so they should watch the budget and push for accountability.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (hurts) — Limited oversight of how credits and grants are awarded..

The bill does not specify strong reporting or audit requirements.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No direct impact on personal rights..

The measure deals with tax and grant policy, not civil liberties.

Who Bears the Cost (hurts) — Cost shifts to state taxpayers..

Tax credits lower revenue and grants spend state funds.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Bill is only introduced; details are sparse..

No clear timeline or public input mechanisms are described.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Industry

Bearing the cost: Taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Creates the Rural Industry Reshoring and Reinvestment Act; creates the Rural Reshoring Tax Credit Program; creates Rural Industrial Site Development Grant Program

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-10

The bill would give companies tax breaks and grants to move factories to Alabama's rural towns, hoping to create jobs but costing state funds.

Rural manufacturers

Official text (AL HB594) – <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB594 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB594/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb594-131997

The Nonprofit Health Bill

Nonprofit health care corporation could change control structure

AL HB391 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People should pay attention to this bill because it could change how health care services are managed, possibly impacting their care and costs.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No clear accountability measures are mentioned..
The bill does not specify how changes would be monitored.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No direct protections for patients are outlined..
The bill does not address patient rights.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Cost implications are unclear..
It is unknown who will bear the costs of the reorganization.

Process Transparency (neutral) — The process for reorganization is not detailed..
There is no information on how the reorganization will be transparent.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Insurance; to allow reorganization of a nonprofit health care service corporation under the control of a nonprofit holding company

AL HB391 Introduced · recorded 2026-02-05

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would let a nonprofit health care service change how it is controlled, which might affect patients and services.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (AL HB391) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB391 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB391/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb391-109170

YOUR NOTES

The International Wires Bill

New fee on international wires with tax credit for Alabama

AL HB585 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Consumers could see higher costs when sending money abroad, unless the tax credit fully covers the new fee, so they should watch the bill as it moves.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — enforcement by securities commission.
Commission will oversee fee and reporting compliance
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — fee adds cost but tax credit offsets.
No direct removal of legal rights
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — fee on consumers, tax credit funded by state.
Consumers initially pay, state may cover via credit
- Process Transparency (helps)** — requires reporting of suspicious cash.
Increases visibility of cash transactions

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Money transmissions, transaction fee imposed for certain outgoing international wire transfers, income tax credit established to offset transaction fees imposed on taxpayer, reporting of certain suspicious cash transactions required, Securities Commission to enforce

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-05

The bill would add a fee to some overseas wire transfers, but give taxpayers a tax credit to offset the cost.

Government Power

Official text (AL HB585) – <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – HB585 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB585/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb585-129840

The Chain Support Bill

New bill aims to boost automotive supply chain support

AL HB548 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, car companies might get more money, but regular people may not see benefits. Now is the time to speak up about it.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Funding Tilt (helps) — Supports industry funding.
The bill provides financial support to the automotive sector.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: car companies
Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Creates the Automotive Supply Chain Resilience and Expansion Act; creates Automotive Tariff Relief Grant Program; creates the Supply Chain Relocation and Expansion Tax Credit; creates the Export Market Diversification Program

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-03

This bill would help car companies by giving them money and tax breaks.

Big Business

Official text (AL HB548) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegisScan – HB548 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB548/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb548-128540

The Research Costs Bill

New tax credit could help big companies with research costs

AL HB608 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, big companies might get more money for research. This could help them grow, but regular people might not see much benefit.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — Could provide financial benefits to businesses.

The tax credit may help companies save money.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Income Tax; to create the R&D Tax Credit Enhancement Act

AL HB608

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-10

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would create a new tax credit for companies doing research, which could help them save money.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (AL HB608) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB608 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB608/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb608-131945

YOUR NOTES

The Creates Safe Bill

Alabama bill creates safe harbor for health insurers

AL HB283 • Healthcare & Insurance

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

People could see fewer lawsuits against insurers, which might limit compensation for bad care, while insurers gain protection; the bill is still early, so public input matters.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (hurts) — potential reduction in insurer accountability.
safe harbor may limit ability to sue insurers

Rights & Protections (hurts) — could limit consumer rights.
safe harbor may restrict lawsuits against insurers

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — unclear cost shift.
no information on cost changes for consumers

Process Transparency (neutral) — bill text minimal.
no detail on how the safe harbor works

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Health insurance, safe harbor created

AL HB283

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-20

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would set a legal safe harbor for health insurers, changing how they can be sued or what they must cover.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Insurers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (AL HB283) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB283 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB283/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb283-087312

YOUR NOTES

The Firefighters Money Bill

Alabama firefighters could get more money back for training

AL HB278 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is good news for firefighters and rescue squad members in Alabama. It would help them get more money back on their taxes for the important training they do. This means they would keep more of their hard-earned money. It also helps make sure these brave people are well-trained to keep us safe. The bill has passed one part of the state government and is now being looked at by another. If it passes, it would be a small...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact on accountability..
The bill does not directly address accountability for actions, but rather provides a...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral impact on rights and protections..
This bill does not change or remove any rights or protections for ordinary people.
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Benefits first responders, state bears the cost..
The state of Alabama would bear the cost in reduced tax revenue, which directly benefits...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No specific transparency issues mentioned..
The bill's text does not provide information about its process transparency.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Firefighters and rescue squad members
Bearing the cost: The state of Alabama (tax revenue)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-03-19 — passed
Yes 74R/28D • No 0R/0D

Firefighters and rescue squad members, income tax credit for training under certain conditions expanded

Engrossed · recorded 2026-03-19

This bill would give firefighters and rescue squad members a bigger tax break for their training, helping them save money.

Workers

Official text (AL HB278) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – HB278 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB278/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb278-082323

The Breaks & Loans Bill

Alabama bill helps new farmers with tax breaks and loans

AL HB660 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help new farmers get started or take over family farms in Alabama. It would give them tax breaks and help them get loans. This could mean more fresh, local food for everyone and keep farming alive in the state. Some might worry about the cost to the state budget, but supporters say it is an important investment in Alabama's future.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No direct impact.
The bill focuses on financial support, not changes to legal accountability.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Supports economic opportunity.
It would help people start or continue farming, which supports their ability to earn a...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — State budget funds programs.
The state would pay for the income tax credit, the new fund, and the loan guarantees...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Early stage, no red flags.
The bill is newly introduced and has not shown signs of being rushed through the...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Beginning farmers in Alabama
Bearing the cost: Alabama state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Beginning Farmer and Succession Continuity Act established; income tax credit, fund, and loan guarantee program created.

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-31

This bill would help new farmers in Alabama get money and loans, making it easier for them to start and keep their farms.

Agriculture

Official text (AL HB660) – <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – HB660 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB660/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb660-139897

The Prostate Cancer Bill

No cost for prostate cancer screenings for high-risk men

AL HB40 • Healthcare & Insurance

9/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This is a good chance for men to get important health checks without worrying about money. It's important to support this bill now.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Supports health rights.
Helps men access necessary health screenings without cost.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Reduces financial burden.
Eliminates extra costs for screenings.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Health care insurance; to eliminate cost-sharing for screening of men who are at high risk for prostate cancer

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-13

This bill would let men at high risk for prostate cancer get screenings without paying extra costs.

Everyday People

Official text (AL HB40) – <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – HB40 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB40/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb40-042883

The Health Apps Bill

Health apps need your 'yes' to share your body data

AL HB263 • Privacy & Data

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is good because it would give you more control over your very private health information. Right now, some apps might share or use your body and brain data without you truly knowing. If this bill passes, apps would have to ask you clearly and get your 'yes' before doing anything with your special data. This helps keep your private health details safe from being sold or used in ways you do not want. It is important to...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Apps held accountable for data sharing.
Apps would be held responsible for how they handle very private user data.
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects privacy rights.
People would gain a clear right to control who sees and uses their biological and neural...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Apps bear cost of compliance.
The cost of following these rules would fall on the app companies, not on regular people.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No specific transparency details.
The bill does not give details about how the public would know if apps are following the...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Individuals and the state of Alabama
Bearing the cost: Health and fitness app companies

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-02-26 — passed
Yes 75R/29D • No 0R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

Biological and neural data of individuals; certain disclosures, transfers, and use by a health and fitness app prohibited without express consent, Attorney General authorized to enforce, civil penalties provided

AL HB263

 Engrossed · recorded 2026-02-26

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would stop health apps from sharing your body and brain data without your permission, protecting your private information.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (AL HB263) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB263 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB263/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb263-082119

YOUR NOTES

The Hurt Workers Bill

Alabama: No tax breaks for companies that hurt workers

AL HB352 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill is important because it would make sure that companies getting help from Alabama taxpayers also treat their workers fairly. If it passes, companies would need to have good rules for their employees to get special tax deals. This means your tax money would not go to businesses that might not protect people's jobs or pay them fairly. It is a chance to make sure state money goes to companies that do right by their...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Companies would be more accountable for worker protections.
The bill would make companies follow certain worker protection rules to get state tax...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Workers would gain more protections.
Companies would need to offer employment protections to get tax incentives.
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — Taxpayers' money would not fund companies without worker protections.
Companies that do not protect workers would lose out on state tax incentives.
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No information provided.
The bill does not change how transparent the process is.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Workers and Alabama taxpayers
- Bearing the cost:** Companies that do not practice certain employment protections

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / ID)

Alabama Jobs Act; Secretary of Commerce prohibited from awarding economic tax incentives to companies that do not practice certain employment protections for workers

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-29

This bill would stop Alabama from giving tax money to companies that do not protect their workers, making sure your tax dollars help good employers.

Workers

Official text (AL HB352) – <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – HB352 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB352/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb352-101691

The Extends Breaks Bill

Alabama extends tax breaks for fixing old buildings

AL HB452 • Housing & Property

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who own old, important buildings by giving them more money back on their state income taxes. It would make it easier for them to pay for repairs and keep these buildings from falling apart. Some might say this is good because it helps save history and makes neighborhoods look nicer. Others might wonder if this money could be used for other things that help more people. Right now, it has passed one...

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No direct impact on accountability for ordinary people.
The bill extends and increases a tax credit, which does not directly change how people...
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Does not affect ordinary people's rights.
This bill is about tax credits for property owners, not about taking away or adding...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Benefits historic property owners, state budget bears cost.
The state would give money back to property owners through tax credits, meaning less tax...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No information on transparency issues.
The bill's text does not provide details about how transparent the process for getting...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Owners of certified historic properties
Bearing the cost: State of Alabama (tax revenue)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2026-03-05 — passed
Yes 72R/29D • No 0R/0D

Income taxes, state income tax credit for qualified rehabilitation expenses of certified historic properties extended, annual credit amount increased

WHAT IT DOES

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

READ IT YOURSELF

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb452-115869

YOUR NOTES

The Taxpayers Refund Bill

Alabama taxpayers get refund

AL HB657 • Money & Damages

8/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people

1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill could put more money in your pocket, so it's a good idea to pay attention to how it moves through the legislature

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear impact on accountability.
The bill does not mention changes to accountability
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — No clear impact on rights and protections.
The bill does not mention changes to rights and protections
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Taxpayers might benefit from the refund.
The bill provides a one-time refundable income tax credit
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No clear impact on process transparency.
The bill does not mention changes to process transparency

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Qualified taxpayers
Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Income Taxes; to provide a one-time refundable income tax credit to qualified taxpayers

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-31

You might get a one-time tax refund

Everyday People

Official text (AL HB657) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – HB657 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB657/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb657-139976

The Trade Schools Bill

New program to boost trade schools with tax credits

AL SB111 • Work & Wages

8/10

LIBERATE

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, more students could get trained for good jobs. It's important to support programs that help people learn skills for their future.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — Supports education funding.
Encourages donations to trade schools

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: trade schools

Bearing the cost: Unknown

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Prepare Alabama Investment Program established, tax credits for donations to trade schools and trade programs authorized

Introduced · recorded 2026-01-13

This bill would help trade schools get more money from donations, which could help students learn important skills.

Everyday People

Official text (AL SB111) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan – SB111 – <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/SB111/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-sb111-073314

The Collect & Data Bill

Alabama plans new dementia network to collect and share data

AL HB528 • Healthcare & Insurance

8/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens should watch this bill because it could give them clearer data on dementia care, but they also need to watch for any extra costs or privacy worries.

WHY IT SCORES 8/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Adds public reporting.
More transparency for dementia data
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Improves access to information.
Helps families and patients
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Funding not specified.
Cost impact unknown
- Process Transparency (helps)** — Requires public reporting.
Data must be shared openly

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Alabama Department of Public Health; Alabama Dementia Network created, implementation by the department provided for, data collection and public reporting required

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-26

The state would set up a dementia network that gathers information and makes it public, helping families and doctors understand the disease better.

Everyday People

Official text (AL HB528) — <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/bill-search>

LegiScan — HB528 — <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB528/2026>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/al-hb528-125346

The Service Contracts Bill

New rules force service contracts to show clear terms

AL HB5 • Consumer Protection

7/10

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Consumers will know exactly what they are buying, reducing hidden fees and surprise penalties; businesses may need to spend time updating ads, but the benefit is clearer choices now while the bill is still being debated.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — More accountability for service providers.

Clear disclosures let customers hold providers to their promises

Rights & Protections (helps) — Improves consumer rights.

Consumers can see limits before signing

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — No direct cost shift identified.

Compliance costs fall on businesses, not consumers

Process Transparency (helps) — Adds transparency to contract marketing.

Advertising must include defined terms and limits

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 1D)

Service contracts; terms defined; certain disclosures in advertising required; disclosures of limitations of contracts further provided for

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