



Legislative Update for January 9-11, 2018

Senate Bill 11 (Prohibit renaming Schools)

Sponsor: *Senator Brewbaker*

Committee: Education and Youth Affairs

The Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017 prohibits certain schools located on public property and erected for, or named or dedicated in honor of, an event, a person, a group, a movement, or military service, from being renamed.

This bill would remove the prohibition against the renaming of those schools and would specifically exempt all preK-12, postsecondary, and higher education institutions and facilities from the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017.

House Bill 15 (Opt out of Alabama Memorial Preservation Act) Sponsor: *Representative Givan*

Committee: State Government

Under existing law, certain entities and government agencies are exempt from the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017.

This bill would authorize any municipality to opt out of the provisions of the act upon vote of the governing body of the municipality.

House Bill 15 (Repeal Memorial Preservation Act)

Sponsor: *Representative Givan*

Committee: State Government

Under existing law, the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017 provides for the preservation of certain architecturally significant buildings, memorial buildings, memorial streets, and monuments on public property, as well as memorial schools.

This bill would repeal the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017.

Senate Bill 8 (Cultural Resources Underwater Act)

Sponsor: *Senator McClendon*

Committee: Governmental Affairs

Under existing law, all abandoned shipwrecks or remains of those ships and all underwater treasures and artifacts that are contained in or on submerged lands belonging to the State of

Alabama, and have remained unclaimed for 50 years, are cultural resources that are eligible for, or listed in, the National Register of Historic Places or the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

This bill would remove the language that includes the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

Senate Bill 131 (Confederate Park Revenue change)

Sponsor: *Senator Pittman*

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund

This bill amends Sections 9-13-84, 22-9A-23, 22-21-24, 27-4A-3, 28-3-74, 28-3-184, 28-3-201, 28-3-202, 28-3-204, 28-7-16, 38-4-12, 38-4-12.1, 40-1-31, 40-8-3, 40-21-51, 40-21-87, 40-23-35, 40-23-50, 40-23-77, and 40-25-23 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide further for the distribution of state tax revenues.

This bill reduces Confederate Memorial Park's revenue from \$.10 on each \$100 of assessed value of taxable property to \$.08 on each \$100.

House Bill 156 (General Fund)

Sponsor: *Representative Clouse*

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund

The AHC has been appropriated level funding in this initial budget.

House Bill 175 (Education Budget)

Sponsor: *Representative Poole*

Committee: Finance and Taxation Education

The AHC is included in the Education Trust Fund Budget with an appropriation of \$1,350,000. The majority of these funds are for grants to other entities.

The Senate Companion Bill for the ETF is SB 165, they mirror each other.

Senate Bill 165 (Education Budget-Companion to HB 175)

Sponsor: *Senator Orr*

Committee: Finance and Taxation Education

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