



## Legislative Update for March 26-March 29, 2018

**Senate Bill 11 (Prohibit renaming Schools)**  
Committee: Education and Youth Affairs

Sponsor: *Senator Brewbaker*

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.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**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.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**House Bill 16 (Repeal Memorial Preservation Act)**  
Committee: State Government

Sponsor: *Representative Givan*

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.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**House Bill 283 (Memorial Preservation Act not to apply to a Class I Municipality)** Sponsor: *Rep. 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 provide that the Alabama Memorial Preservation Act of 2017 does not apply to a Class I Municipality.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**Senate Bill 8 (Cultural Resources Underwater Act)**  
Committee: Governmental Affairs

Sponsor: *Senator McClendon*

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.

Update: This bill passed a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate on 1/25 and was referred to the State Government Committee in the House. Bill will be heard in State Government Committee on 2/21 in Room 429 at 3:00pm. SB 8 was voted out of State Government Committee on 2/21 and is awaiting 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the second House.

**Final Status: Died awaiting 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

**Senate Bill 131 (Confederate Park Revenue change)**  
Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund

Sponsor: *Senator Pittman*

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.

Update: This bill is scheduled to be in Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee on January 24 at 9:30 am in room 727. No vote on the bill in committee.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**House Bill 156 (General Fund)**  
Committee: Ways and Means General Fund

Sponsor: Representative *Clouse*

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

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**House Bill 175 (Education Budget)**  
Committee: Finance and Taxation Education

Sponsor: Representative *Poole*

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.

Update: AHC funding reduced from \$1,350,000 to \$1,150,000. The grants program was reduced from \$750,000 to \$550,000. This bill passed out of committee and is awaiting 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Bill was on the House floor for a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on 2/13. An additional \$59,962 was deleted from the AHC budget line leaving the AHC with \$1,090,038. This bill will be heard in Committee on 3/13 in Room 727 at 1:00 pm.

Update: Bill came out of Committee with an increase from \$1,090,038 to \$1,290,038, and the grants portion increased back to \$750,000. The bill was on the floor on 3/15 and the floor amendment increased the appropriation to \$1,350,038. Bill was sent to conference committee on 3/22.

**Final Status: Bill was sent to Governor for signature on 3/29**

**Senate Bill 165 (Education Budget-Companion to HB 175)**  
Committee: Finance and Taxation Education

Sponsor: Senator *Orr*

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.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**Senate Bill 178 (General Fund)**  
Committee: Finance & Taxation General Fund

Sponsor: Senator *Pittman*

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

Update: The General Fund was heard in committee on 2/15. The AHC held onto level funding for the Agency. However, line-item appropriations of \$50,000 each was included for Historic Chattahoochee Commission, Historic Ironworks Commission, St. Stephens Historical State Park, Historic Blakeley Authority, Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, and Brierfield

Ironworks Historical State Park. The General Fund passed out of Senate on 2/20 and has been sent to the House Committee on Ways and Means General Fund.

Update: Bill was heard in Committee on 3/7, the Historic Chattahoochee Commission was removed as a line-item and was replaced by Fendall Hall for \$50,000. Bill now awaits 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

Update: Bill had 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on 3/13 and goes back to the House to concur or go to a conference committee.

**Final Status: Passed assigned Act No. 2018-354**

**House Bill 436 (Tax Credit Bill)**  
Committee: Ways and Means Education

Sponsor: *Rep. Laura Hall*

Income tax credit against tax liability for the rehabilitation, preservation, or development of certified structures near certain higher education institutions (Auburn, Alabama A&M and Tuskegee), Historic University Neighborhood Rehabilitation Act. The certified structure must be located within one-half mile of a historic higher education institution in Alabama. The tax credit is a total of \$50 Million, \$10 Million each tax year 2019-2023.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**House Bill 445 (This is exactly the same as HB 436)**  
Committee: Ways and Means Education

Sponsor: *Rep. Laura Hall*

Income tax credit, against tax liability for the rehabilitation, preservation, or development of certified structures near certain higher education institutions (Auburn, Alabama A&M and Tuskegee), Historic University Neighborhood Rehabilitation Act. The certified structure must be located within one-half mile of a historic higher education institution in Alabama. The tax credit is a total of \$50 Million, \$10 Million each tax year 2019-2023.

Update: Bill will have a public hearing in Committee on 3/20 in Room 617 at 11:00 am. No vote on the bill after public hearing.

**Final Status: Died in Committee**

**\*\* This is our last Legislative Update for 2018. The 2018 Legislature adjourned *Sine Die* on March 29.**