

**SUMMARIES OF GENERAL LAWS ENACTED AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED  
BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA AT THE  
2019 REGULAR SESSION**

**Act 2019-24, HB64**, amends Sections 16-51-1 and 16-51-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to remove the State Superintendent of Education from the Board of Trustees of the University of North Alabama and to increase the number of at-large members from within or outside of the state from one to two members.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-52, HB289**, adds Section 36-25-1.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that an individual acting as an economic development professional is not a lobbyist, unless he or she seeks incentives through legislative action that are above and beyond, or in addition to, the then current statutory or constitutional authorization for the incentives.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 2019.

**Act 2019-53, HB113**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Security Regulatory Board until October 1, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-54, HB114**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Athlete Agents Commission until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-55, HB115**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama State Board of Occupational Therapy until October 1, 2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-56, HB116**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Board of Examiners and Landscape Architects until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-57, HB117**, continues the existence and functioning of the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama until October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-58, HB118**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-59, HB119**, continues the existence and functioning of the Board of Examiners on Admission to the State Bar until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-60, HB121**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama State Board of Pharmacy until October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-61, HB122**, continues the existence and functioning of the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-62, HB123**, continues the existence and functioning of the State Board for Registration of Architects until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-63, HB99**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Escambia County, to define the Canoe Landmark District within the county and to prohibit the annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality, except under certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-64, HB232**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to St. Clair County, to: (1) authorize the governing body of the county to levy and collect a special school district tax at a cumulative total rate not exceeding two dollars on each one hundred dollars of taxable property in that school district; (2) require the proposed tax to be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors in the school district before taking effect; and (3) provide for the use of tax proceeds of taxes levied pursuant to the amendment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-70, SB138**, amends Section 11-98-4.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the statewide 911 Board to administer the deployment and operation of a statewide voice and data system; (2) require the board to provide a copy of its 911 Annual Report to members of the boards of local 911 districts through the Alabama Association of 911 Districts; (3) fund grants for the various 911 districts in the state; and (4) require the executive director of the board to prepare an annual report detailing the training provided and administered by the 911 Board for 911 dispatchers and submit the report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-72, HB110**, continues the existence and functioning of the State Licensing Board for General Contractors until October 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 2019.

**Act 2019-73, HB111**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 2019.

**Act 2019-74, HB112**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Athletics Commission until October 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 2019.

**Act 2019-75, HB120**, continues the existence and functioning of the Polygraph Examiners Board until October 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 25, 2019.

**Act 2019-80, HB53**, proposes an amendment to Amendment 508 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 1 of the Calhoun County Local Amendments of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the operation of bingo games for prizes or money in the county, to prohibit a bingo permittee or licensee from operating any bingo game within 1,000 yards of a residence or in a residential area within the unincorporated areas of the county.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-82, SB80**, amends Section 29-2-40, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the membership of the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee from five to seven members; (2) specify that the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund and Senate Finance and Taxation Education Committees and the Chairs of the House Ways and Means General Fund and House Ways and Means Education Committees are included within the membership of the Contract Review Permanent Legislative Oversight Committee; and (3) authorize a member of the committee who is a member by virtue of office, if elected to the same house without a break in service, to continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-89, HB155**, amends Section 40-12-222, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that, except for lease or rental transactions of registered motor vehicles, when tangible personal property is the subject of a lease or rental transaction and the property is delivered, the applicable local privilege or license tax is based on where the property is delivered; (2) provide that when such tangible person property is picked up at the lessor's rental location, the applicable local privilege or license tax is based on the rental location; (3) provide various rules relating to the lease of motor vehicles; and (4) provide retroactive effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-93, HB124**, continues the existence and functioning of the Alabama Historical Commission until October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-94, HB250**, (1) adds Chapter 2A to Title 10A, consisting of Sections 10A-2A-1.01 to 10A-2A-17.06, inclusive, to the Code of Alabama 1975, substantially revising the Alabama Business Corporation Law to reflect the national standards set by the Model Business Corporation Act of 2016 and the Delaware General Corporation Law; (2) amends Sections 10A-1-1.02, 10A-1-1.03, 10A-1-1.08, 10A-1-1.12, 10A-1-3.05, 10A-1-3.06, 10A-1-3.32, 10A-1-3.42, 10A-1-4.01, 10A-1-4.02, 10A-1-4.04, 10A-1-4.06, 10A-1-4.11, 10A-1-4.13, 10A-1-4.15, 10A-1-4.21, 10A-1-4.23, 10A-1-4.24, 10A-1-4.25, 10A-1-4.26, 10A-1-4.31, 10A-1-5.01, 10A-1-5.08, 10A-1-6.01, 10A-1-6.02, 10A-1-7.01, 10A-1-7.04, 10A-1-7.11, 10A-1-7.21, 10A-1-7.31, 10A-1-8.01, 10A-1-8.02, 10A-1-8.04, 10A-1-9.01, 10A-4-2.02, 10A-4-4.01, 10A-4-4.02, 10A-4-5.01, 10A-4-5.04, 10A-5A-10.01, 10A-5A-10.03, 10A-5A-10.04, 10A-5A-10.05, 10A-5A-10.07, 10A-5A-10.08, 10A-8A-9.02, 10A-8A-9.04, 10A-8A-9.05, 10A-8A-9.06, 10A-8A-9.08, and 10A-8A-9.09, 10A-9A-10.02, 10A-9A-10.04, 10A-9A-10.05, 10A-9A-10.06, 10A-9A-10.08, 10A-9A-10.09, 10A-10-1.09, 10A-10-1.12, 10A-10-1.15, 10A-10-1.16, 10A-11-1.01, 10A-11-1.03, 10A-11-1.04, 10A-11-1.06, 10A-11-1.12, 10A-30-2.01, 10A-30-2.03, 10A-30-2.04, 10A-30-2.05, 10A-30-2.06, 10A-30-2.09, 10A-30-2.12, and 10A-30-2.13, Code of Alabama 1975, to make conforming changes throughout the Alabama Business and Nonprofit Entities Code in order to effectuate the changes to the Alabama Business Corporation Law and to conform with the other entities governed by the Alabama Business and Nonprofit Entities Code; and (3) repeals Chapter 2 of Title 10, consisting of Sections 10A-2-1.01 to 10A-2-17.02, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-97, SB52**, is the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. The act (1) requires insurers domiciled in the state to annually submit to the Commission of Insurance a Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure; (2) provides that all documents submitted as part of the annual disclosure are deemed to contain trade secrets, are confidential and privileged, and are not subject to open records laws; and (3) provides sanctions to an insurer who fails to file the annual disclosure. The act also amends Sections 27-29-1 and 27-29-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide a definition of internationally active insurance groups and to provide that certain documents filed with the Commission of Insurance by such an insurance group are confidential and privileged.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-98, SB54**, is the Insurance Data Security Law. The act requires insurers and other entities licensed by the Department of Insurance to develop, implement, and maintain an information security program based on the risk assessment of the licensee that contains administrative, technical, and physical safeguards for the protection of nonpublic information and of the information system of the licensee from cybersecurity events, as defined, and requires notification of the commission of insurance when a cybersecurity event occurs.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-99, SB62**, amends Section 8-36-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to reduce from 10 business days to 5 business days the time during which a person may cancel a roofing contract after

receiving written notice from the insurer that all or part of the claim or contract is not a covered claim and also would allow cancellation if the covered claim will not be sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-100, HB168**, amends Section 28-3A-25, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the county commission of a wet county, by resolution or pursuant to a referendum, to permit and regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and (2) authorize the governing body of a wet municipality, by ordinance or pursuant to a referendum, to permit and regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages during certain hours on Sunday by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-101, HB203**, amends Sections 40-2A-4 and 40-2A-10, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Department of Revenue to appoint multiple taxpayer advocate officers instead of one; (2) expand the authority of the department to allow for installment agreements with taxpayers who are seeking to pay their outstanding tax liability; (3) clarify the role of the department in the development and maintenance of its automated tax records systems; and (4) upon a request from the Secretary of Technology, allow the Commissioner of Revenue to provide an annual report outlining the measures employed by the Department of Revenue to maintain the security of taxpayer information to the Secretary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-102, SB38**, amends Sections 34-21-1, 34-21-2, 34-21-21, 34-21-22, and 34-21-25, Code of Alabama 1975, and adds Section 34-21-20.01 and Article 7 (commencing with Section 34-21-120) to Chapter 21 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to adopt the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact providing for the interstate licensing of nurses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-103, SB66**, amends Section 9-11-244, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) establish a bait privilege license issued by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; (2) allow a person to hunt whitetail deer or feral swine with the aid of bait on privately owned or leased lands when the person has purchased and is in possession of a bait privilege license; and (3) authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to, without refund, suspend the use of a bait privilege license to manage the feeding of wild game animal populations to prevent the spread of diseases among wildlife.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-104, SB74**, to amend Section 32-12A-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the authorized width and weight of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-105, SB79**, to amend Sections 24-1-71, 24-1-83, and 41-4-16, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize county housing authorities to electronically publish notice of the sale of their bonds; (2) delete the requirement that a county housing authority advertise for public bids for three weeks prior to purchasing certain materials for the construction of a house or building; and (3) exempt municipal, county, and regional housing authorities from the requirement of obtaining the prior written consent of the Department of Finance to issue and sell bonds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-127, HB15**, amends Section 36-26-28, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) clarify that the total time an appointing authority of the state may suspend an employee without pay may not exceed 30 business days; and (2) clarify that the employee must accept the suspension or request a suspension hearing within 10 business days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 2019.

**Act 2019-128, HB34**, amends Section 34-23-131, Code of Alabama 1975, to (1) delete the requirement that a pharmacy technician whose registration lapses more than five years may be reinstated only upon satisfactory examination by the State Board of Pharmacy; and (2) provide that a pharmacy technician whose registration lapses may be reinstated by the board upon payment of up to a maximum of five years of total penalties and lapsed fees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 2019.

**Act 2019-129, HB278**, adds Division 4 (commencing with Section 40-12-305) to Article 5 of Chapter 12 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require the Department of Revenue to develop, maintain, and make available a fleet online registration and tax system (FORT system) for the registration of fleet vehicles; (2) authorize the department to issue a fleet license plate; and (3) establish an advisory committee to review the design and operation of the system and to make recommendations to the Commissioner of Revenue. The act also amends Section 40-12-240, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide additional definitions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 2019.

**Act 2019-130, SB33**, amends Sections 5-17-4, 5-17-8, 5-17-10, 5-17-11, 5-17-22, and 5-17-55, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Alabama Credit Union Administration Board to appoint the National Credit Union Administration as conservator of a state-chartered credit union; (2) require credit union supervisory committees to consist of at least three members; (3) provide that the members of the board of directors and members of the supervisory committee of a credit union, and one guest of each member, may be reimbursed for travel costs incurred in the official business of the credit union; (4) increase the required notice period for a meeting called to approve a merger plan with another credit union from at least 15 days to at least 45 calendar days, but not more than 90 calendar days; and (5) expand the definition of who may serve on the Alabama Credit Union Administration Board to include a president, chief executive officer, or a person elected by the membership to serve as a member of the board, credit committee, or supervisory committee of a state-chartered credit union.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-131, SB144**, amends Section 16-47-78, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the name of the accrediting organization for schools of dentistry operating in the state from the Council on Dental Education to the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-132, SB147**, adds Section 36-27-65 to: (1) authorize a local government employer participating in the Employees' Retirement System to adopt a resolution by May 8, 2021, to provide to its Tier II plan members the same retirement benefits provided to its Tier I plan members; and (2) authorize the ERS Board of Control to deny the resolution based on certain factors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 8, 2019.

**Act 2019-133, SB228**, amends Sections 14-6-40, 14-6-42, 14-6-47, 14-6-48, and 36-22-17 of, and repeals Section 14-6-43 of, the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the allowance paid by the state for the feeding of prisoners in the custody of the sheriff from a daily amount of \$1.75 per prisoner to \$2.25 per prisoner; (2) provide that under no circumstances may the sheriff be personally responsible for the cost of feeding prisoners in the event of any shortage of funds; (3) establish a Prisoner Feeding Fund in each county sheriff's office and require all payments made by the state to be deposited into each account; (4) require each sheriff to maintain records of all payments received and all expenditures made from the Prisoner Feeding Fund and subject the fund to a regular audit by the Department of Examiners and Public Accounts; (5) provide that at the end of each fiscal year, the sheriff may expend not more than 25 percent of the fund for the operation of the jail or for law enforcement purposes, and that the remaining balance must be carried over to the following fiscal year; and (6) commencing September 30, 2019, make an appropriation of \$500,000 each year from the State General Fund to the Emergency Prisoner Feeding Fund, which shall not exceed a total accumulated amount of \$1,000,000, to be used by counties in the case of an unforeseeable emergency cost overrun that fully depletes the Prisoner Feeding Fund in the county treasury.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-134, SB209**, amends Section 9-11-53.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in lieu of the annual resident saltwater fishing license, to issue a disabled military veterans appreciation saltwater fishing license, which may be issued to a United States military veteran certified by the United States Veterans Administration as 20 percent or more disabled; and (2) authorize the department to issue a three-day saltwater fishing event license to persons who are disabled.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-138, SB208**, amends Section 32-6-523, Code of Alabama 1975, to redirect the net proceeds of the revenues of the sale of the Alabama Association of Realtors distinctive license plates from the Alabama Children's Trust Fund to the Alabama Realtors Foundation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-163, HB43**, amends Section 12-17-330, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Administrative Director of Courts to allow the presiding circuit court judge in any judicial circuit to appoint one or more court referees to hear child support cases that are domestic relations cases brought under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; (2) establish a procedure by which child support cases may be heard by a court referee; (3) specify the duties of a court referee; and (4) provide for the review of the court referee's findings by a circuit court judge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-164, HB163**, amends Section 40-2-11, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require persons facilitating rental transactions of tangible Class II or Class IV personal property to report the transactions; and (2) authorize the Commissioner of Revenue to temporarily waive licensing requirements for importers, exporters, and transporters of motor fuels during a declared state of emergency or disaster.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 14, 2019.

**Act 2019-165, SB270**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Etowah County, to: (1) require all funds received by the Sheriff of Etowah County for feeding prisoners to be deposited in a separate account in the county treasury to be known as the "Sheriff's Discretionary Fund"; (2) require all funds deposited in the account to be used by the sheriff for the feeding of prisoners in the county jail; (3) authorize any monies in this account not used for the feeding of prisoners to be used by the sheriff for law enforcement purposes, for school resource officers, and for the operation of the office of the sheriff; (4) provide that any remaining balance in the account at the end of each fiscal year is to carry over into the next fiscal year; and (5) require the sheriff to utilize other funds available for the operation of the sheriff's office for the purpose of feeding prisoners in the event such additional funds are needed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-166, SB310**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Barbour County, to: (1) prohibit any elected or appointed county official from assuming a supernumerary office after the effective date of the amendment; (2) allow elected and appointed county officials to participate in the Employees' Retirement System; and (3) allow elected and appointed county officials to purchase service credit in the Employees' Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-167, SB350**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Tallapoosa County, to provide that the Legislature, by local law, may provide for the establishment of a road maintenance district as a public corporation composed of owners of lots in the Willow Point Estates. The district may be established only after: (1) a petition to establish the district is filed in the office of the judge of probate; (2) the owner of the roads in the Willow Point Estates joins in the petition and agrees to transfer ownership of the roads to the district; and (3) a majority of the lot owners in the Estates votes in favor of the formation of the district at a referendum election conducted by the judge of probate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.



**Act 2019-177, HB106**, amends Sections 27-2-7 and 27-22-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require the Commissioner of Insurance to create educational and informational programs and presentations for consumers regarding insurance and other matters regulated by the department; and (2) require each insurance company authorized to transact homeowners insurance business in the state to annually submit to the department computations of the direct incurred losses and the number of policies in force of all nonhurricane wind and hail damage and all hurricane damage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-178, HB287**, creates the Women's Tribute Statue Commission to fund, commission, and place statues of Rosa Parks and Helen Keller on the grounds of the Capitol.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-179, HB323**, amends Section 34-14A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Home Builders Licensure Board to obtain the approval of the Governor and the State Personnel Board when setting the salary of the Home Builders Licensure Board's executive director and deputy director.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-184, SB123**, amends Section 40-18-100, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that when a county or municipality, or a corporation or other instrumentality of a county or municipality, enters into an agreement for management or administrative services with a public entity or non-profit established by a public entity, that agreement does not affect or inhibit the ability of the county or municipality, or a corporation or other instrumentality of a county or municipality, to collect certain debts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-185, HB224**, amends Section 28-3A-17.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the governing body of a Class 8 municipality that is located in a county with a Class 2 municipality and is primarily located on an island to establish three entertainment districts within its corporate limits; and (2) provide requirements for the location of the entertainment districts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-186, HB241**, amends Sections 34-17-5 and 34-17-25, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the maximum fine the Alabama State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects may levy against a licensee from \$250 to \$2,500 per violation; and (2) increase the license application fee from \$75 to \$150.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-187, SB216**, substantially revises Articles VI and VII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to: (1) increase the membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission from nine to 11 members and further provide for the appointment of the commission's members; (2) further provide for the appointment of the membership of the Court of the Judiciary; (3) provide that a judge shall be disqualified without loss of salary when a complaint is filed by the Judicial Inquiry

Commission and the complaint is adopted by a two-thirds vote of the commission and the complaint alleges the judge is physically or mentally unable to perform his or her duties or poses a serious threat of harm to the public or the administration of justice and the recommendation of disqualification is approved by the Chief Judge of the Court of the Judiciary; (4) delete the authority of the Chief Justice to appoint the Administrative Director of Courts and authorize the Supreme Court to appoint the director; (5) require the Legislature to establish procedures for the appointment of the Administrative Director of Courts by the Supreme Court; (6) delete provisions authorizing the impeachment of the justices of the Supreme Court and the judges of the appellate courts; (7) delete provisions authorizing the Supreme Court to remove judges of the district, circuit, and probate courts; (8) delete the requirement that a district court hold court in each incorporated municipality with a population of 1,000 or more where there is no municipal court; (9) delete certain language relating to a constable holding more than one state office; (10) delete a provision providing for the temporary maintenance of the prior judicial system; and (11) repeal a provision establishing the office of circuit solicitor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-188, HB436**, amends Section 15-18-83, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that at the execution of a condemned person, if there are fewer than eight total immediate family members of the deceased victim, additional non-immediate family members of the victim may attend; provided, the total number of immediate and non-immediate family members may not exceed eight; and (2) provide that if there are less than eight total immediate and non-immediate family members of the deceased victim, additional immediate family members of a victim, for whose death the inmate is not sentenced to death, may be allowed in attendance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-189, HB314**, is the Alabama Human Life Protection Act. The act: (1) prohibits a person from intentionally performing an abortion and makes a violation a Class A felony; (2) prohibits a person from attempting to perform an abortion and makes a violation a Class C felony; (3) provides an exception to the restrictions on abortion when an abortion is necessary in order to prevent a serious health risk to the unborn child's mother; and (4) specifies that a woman who receives an abortion in violation of the act may not be held criminally or civilly liable for the violation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 2019.

**Act 2019-190, HB158**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Houston County, to require the judge of probate of the county to be an attorney licensed in this state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-191, HB324**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Lamar County, to: (1) provide that the Legislature, by general or local law, may place the judge of probate of the county on a salary; (2) provide that the fees, commissions, allowances, and percentages collected by the judge of probate shall be paid into the county treasury from

which the salary of the judge of probate is paid; and (3) provide retroactive effect to the term of the office of the judge of probate commencing in January 1989, to ratify and confirm any salary paid since that date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-192, HB398**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Lauderdale County, to repeal Amendments 819 and 918 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 4.10, Local Amendments, Lauderdale County, Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, which provide for the Lauderdale County Judicial Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-193, HB461**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Lauderdale County, to: (1) allow a person to use deadly physical force in self-defense or the defense of another if that force is used against an aggressor committing or attempting to commit a crime involving death, serious physical injury, robbery in the first degree, or kidnapping in the first degree on the premises of a church; (2) include the premises of a church within the “stand your ground” law; and (3) provide immunity from criminal prosecution or civil action for a person using such deadly force.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-194, HB536**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Franklin County, to: (1) allow a person to use deadly physical force in self-defense or the defense of another if that force is used against an aggressor committing or attempting to commit a crime involving death, serious physical injury, robbery in the first degree, or kidnapping in the first degree on the premises of a church; (2) include the premises of a church within the “stand your ground” law; and (3) provide immunity from criminal prosecution or civil action for a person using such deadly force.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-204, SB193**, amends Sections 25-4-72, 25-4-74, and 25-4-78, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) revise the maximum amount of unemployment benefits payable to an individual in a benefit year contingent on the state’s average unemployment rate; (2) limit the maximum amount of unemployment benefits payable to the lesser of 20 times the individual’s weekly benefit amount or one-fourth of the wages paid during his or her base period; (3) revise the maximum weekly unemployment benefit amount to an amount that is an equal division of the current weeks compensated of the average of the wages for insured work paid to the individual during the two quarters of his or her base period in which the total wages were the highest; and (4) revise the reductions in unemployment benefit amounts due to disqualification in certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-221, SB57**, amends Sections 12-18-156, 16-25-14, and 36-27-16, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize a member of the Retirement Systems of Alabama to designate a portion of his or her retirement benefits to be paid to a special needs trust for the benefit of a dependent child.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-222, SB106**, amends Section 26-1-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that for purposes of contracting with a bank, credit union, or similar savings and loan institution, a member of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States is deemed to have attained the age of majority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-223, SB190**, provides absolute judicial immunity to every magistrate and clerk of the circuit and district courts of the state for the execution of any duties provided for by Sections 12-17-94(a) and 12-17-251(c), Code of Alabama 1975.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 21, 2019.

**Act 2019-224, SB213**, is the Alabama Genetic Counselor Act. The act: (1) establishes the Alabama Board of Genetic Counseling and provides for the powers and authority of the board; (2) authorizes the board to issue licenses for the practice of genetic counseling and provides qualifications for the issuance of those licenses; (3) provides criminal penalties for the practice of genetic counseling without a license; (4) exempts physicians and other licensed professionals from licensure by the board; (5) specifies that genetic counselors are not authorized to practice medicine; and (6) establishes the Genetic Counseling Fund in the State Treasury.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 21, 2019.

**Act 2019-225, SB252**, amends Sections 25-8-11, 25-9-12, and 25-9-17, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) revise the requirements for certification as a mine foreman to provide further age, residency, experience, and educational requirements; (2) revise the requirements for certification as a fire boss to provide further age, residency, experience, and educational requirements; and (3) revise the requirements for obtaining authorization to act as a temporary mine foreman or fire boss.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-227, SB324**, amends Section 9-8-25, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that soil and water conservation districts, district supervisors, and district employees are immune from civil liability arising from the use of equipment loaned or rented by the district for natural resource protection, so long as the equipment is maintained in proper working order, the transaction is in good faith, and the damage or injury was not caused by unreasonable behavior of the supervisor or employee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-229, SB331**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Baldwin County, to: (1) authorize the judge of probate to exercise equity jurisdiction

concurrent with that of the circuit court for cases originally filed in the county probate court if the judge of probate is a member of the Alabama State Bar; and (2) specify that, in such cases, the judge of probate has all of the power and authority of a circuit judge presiding over the case and that the case shall be treated in the same manner as a case filed in circuit court.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-230, SB161**, amends Sections 34-27C-1, 34-27C-2, 34-27C-3, 34-27C-4, 34-27C-5, 34-27C-7, 34-27C-8, 34-27C-9, 34-27C-10, 34-27C-11, 34-27C-12, 34-27C-13, 34-27C-16, 34-27C-17, and 34-27C-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that members of the Alabama Security Regulatory Board shall receive up to \$300 per day, for a maximum of 12 days per year, while performing their official duties on behalf of the board, in addition to the same per diem mileage provided to other state employees; (2) specify the board may hold hearings, issue subpoenas, take testimony, and administer oaths; (3) authorize the board, by rule, to establish certification application fees; (4) authorize the board to impose reasonable fees on late renewals; (5) revise the requirements for persons seeking initial licensure or certification as a security officer or armed security officer; (6) authorize the board to provide specific initial training requirements for applicants and authorize the board to provide specific refresher training requirements to officers; (7) provide that any person who practices or offers to practice as a security officer or armed security officer without a license or certification is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor; and (8) exempt all sworn peace officers from the requirements and duties of the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-232, HB602**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Marshall County, to: (1) require all funds received by the Sheriff of Marshall County for feeding prisoners to be deposited in a separate account in the county treasury to be known as the “Sheriff’s Discretionary Fund”; (2) require all funds deposited in the account to be used by the sheriff for the feeding of prisoners in the county jail; (3) authorize any monies in this account not used for the feeding of prisoners to be used by the sheriff for law enforcement purposes, and for the operation of the office of the sheriff; (4) provide that any remaining balance in the account at the end of each fiscal year is to carry over into the next fiscal year; and (5) require the sheriff to utilize other funds available for the operation of the sheriff’s office for purposes of feeding prisoners in the event such additional funds are needed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-233, HB41**, is the Stringer-Drummond Vaping Act. The act amends Sections 28-11-2, 28-11-4, 28-11-7, 28-11-8, 28-11-9, 28-11-11, 28-11-13, 13A-12-3, and 13A-12-3.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to regulate the sale and advertisement of alternative nicotine delivery systems and alternative nicotine products; (2) prohibit the sale of an electronic nicotine delivery system or alternative nicotine product without the appropriate permit from the board; (3) prohibit the sale or transfer of alternative nicotine products to minors and increase the fine for unlawful sales of any tobacco product to a minor; The act also: (1) prohibits retailers and manufacturers of alternative nicotine products and

electronic nicotine delivery systems from advertising those products near schools, as a tobacco cessation product, as a healthier alternative to smoking, or, when displayed on an outdoor billboard, as being available in any variety of flavors other than tobacco, mint, or menthol; and (2) prohibits counties from issuing a license to a retailer of electronic nicotine delivery systems if the retailer is located within 1,000 feet of a school, child care center, church, public library, public playground, public park, or a youth center.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-234, HB98**, amends Sections 18-1A-3 and 18-1A-22, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the state or a political subdivision of the state, in a condemnation action, to use a waiver valuation in lieu of an appraisal under certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 2019.

**Act 2019-238, HB222**, amends Sections 32-8-2, 32-8-3, and 32-8-34, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) include title service providers within the definition of designated agent of the Department of Revenue; (2) authorize the department to revoke the authority of a title service provider to act on its behalf when the title service provider has failed to perform his or her duties prescribed by law or has been convicted of a violation that is a felony under Title 32 or Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975; and (3) require title service providers to enter into a bond with a corporate surety, payable to the state, in the sum of \$25,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-239, HB226**, amends Sections 32-20-4, 32-20-20, and 32-20-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) clarify that any existing transaction fees required to be paid to the Department of Revenue for the titling of a manufactured home are based on each unit of a manufactured home subject to titling; and (2) exempt manufactured housing units designated as a 1999 year model or older from the certificate of title requirements under Chapter 20 of Title 32.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-240, HB283**, adds Section 27-31D-2.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require insurance companies writing homeowners insurance to offer a fortified bronze roof endorsement to upgrade a non-fortified home, to a fortified standard, when the home is eligible to be upgraded to a fortified standard and the insured incurs damage covered by the policy requiring the roof to be replaced.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-241, HB339**, amends Section 16-43-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag to be conducted at the beginning of each school day at public K-12 schools; and (2) provide that a student who refuses to recite the pledge of allegiance may not be punished for that refusal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-242, HB363**, amends Section 27-31E-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Strengthen Alabama Homes Program within the Department of Insurance to maintain as confidential all documents, materials, and other information submitted by property owners and insurance companies in support of grant applications.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 2019.

**Act 2019-244, HB393**, amends Sections 40-12-264, 40-12-390, 40-12-391, 40-12-392, 40-12-393, 40-12-395, and 40-12-398 of, and adds Article 10 (commencing with Section 40-12-445) to Chapter 12 of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) create a master regulatory dealer license in lieu of the issuance of a separate license for the sale, wholesale, or rebuilding of motor vehicles; (2) provide a civil fine for a person required to obtain a master regulatory dealer license who willfully fails to acquire the license; (3) provide for a temporary seven-day dealer transit license plate to be used on motor vehicles being offered for sale to licensed motor vehicle dealers; (4) provide for a seven-day auction transit license plate to be used to transport vehicles to and from auction; and (5) require the application fee for the master regulatory dealer license to be equal to the average of the annual dealer license fees, as of January 1, 2020, of the contiguous states to Alabama, rounded to the nearest \$25, and to authorize the Department of Revenue to adjust those fees once every five years using the same calculation, subject to a statutory cap. The act also: (1) authorizes the Department of Revenue to regulate the business of motor vehicle wholesale auctions; (2) provides licenses for motor vehicle wholesale auctions; (3) requires licensees to obtain a bond; and (4) provides criminal penalties for a violation and, in addition, authorizes a civil fine for a violation, which may be assessed against the bond.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 2 of the act, which authorized the Department of Revenue to amend the master regulatory dealer license fee to be equal to the average of the annual dealer license fees of the State of Alabama's neighboring states, is effective August 1, 2019. The remaining sections are effective October 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-245, HB394**, amends Sections 32-8-84, 32-13-2, and 32-13-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the hold period for title records of vehicles reported as abandoned to the Department of Revenue from 45 days to 60 days after the notice is received; and (2) provide a bond requirement for the sale of an abandoned motor vehicle by sellers who are not bonded agents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-247, HB402**, provides that, beginning October 1, 2021, all allocations, disbursements, and distributions made for taxes and fees collected by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 8-17-91, 40-17-274, 40-17-359, and 40-17-361, Code of Alabama 1975, relating generally to motor vehicle fuel taxes, will be made by the Department of Revenue and not the State Treasurer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-249, HB479**, authorizes the issuance of Class A commercial driver licenses to individuals who have reached the age of 18 years but who have not reached the age of 21 years for use only in intrastate commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2020.

**Act 2019-251, HB337**, provides zoning authority for a municipality incorporated after 1990 when it is located within a county containing another municipality that has zoning authority in its police jurisdiction. The act: (1) authorizes certain municipalities to exercise zoning authority in its police jurisdiction in the same manner as within the corporate limits of the municipality; and (2) in the event the police jurisdiction of the municipality overlaps with the police jurisdiction of another municipality, provides that each municipality may either exercise the zoning authority in the overlapping portions of its police jurisdiction to a boundary which is equidistant from the respective corporate limits of each municipality that has an overlapping police jurisdiction or enter into an agreement regarding which municipality shall exercise zoning authority in an area of overlapping police jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 2019.

**Act 2019-252, HB425**, amends Sections 13A-6-130, 13A-6-131, 13A-6-132, 13A-6-134, 13A-6-138, 13A-6-142, 15-10-3, 15-13-190, 15-23-68, 30-5-2, 30-5-3, 30-5-5, and 30-5-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that the crime of burglary in the first degree is domestic violence when committed against anyone that other domestic violence crimes may be committed against; (2) add step-parents and step-children to the class of victims for whom domestic violence actions may be pursued; (3) specifically exclude non-romantic co-residents from the meaning of household member; (4) double the term of imprisonment imposed for a domestic violence crime in the first or second degree if the crime was committed in the presence of a child under the age of 14 years who is the victim's child or step-child, the defendant's child or step-child, or a child residing in or visiting the household of the victim or defendant; (5) provide that a charge of domestic violence in the third degree is a Class C felony if the defendant has a previous conviction for domestic violence in the first degree, domestic violence in the second degree, domestic violence by strangulation or suffocation, or a domestic violence conviction or substantially similar conviction from another state or jurisdiction; (6) provide that a third conviction of a domestic violence protection order is a Class C felony; and (7) provide that a court appointed guardian ad litem may petition for relief on behalf of minor children and any person prevented by physical or mental incapacity from seeking a protection order from abuse; The act also repeals Section 13A-6-139.1, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to definitions for certain domestic violence offenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 23, 2019.

**Act 2019-253, HB383**, amends Sections 40-23-7, 40-23-68, and 40-26-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that tax filings for sales, use, and lodgings taxes may be made quarterly, semi-annually, or annually depending on total sales tax, use tax, or transient occupancy tax liability; (2) provide amount limits for the filing of sales, use, and lodgings tax reports; and (3) allow the Revenue Commissioner to suspend or revoke a business license or deny a business



license application or business license renewal for reasonable cause, for failure to comply with applicable laws or rules, or for failure to provide or maintain a surety bond.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-261, SB45**, is the Asbestos Exposure Transparency Act. The act adds Article 35A, commencing with Section 6-5-690, to Chapter 5 of Title 6 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require a plaintiff in an asbestos action to file a sworn statement disclosing information regarding the plaintiff's exposure to asbestos or, alternatively, to file available asbestos trust claims and produce all trust claims materials before trial; (2) create a rebuttable presumption that in an asbestos action, trust claim materials are relevant, authentic, and admissible as evidence; and (3) provide that a defendant in an asbestos action may seek discovery from an asbestos trust.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-271, HB328**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature to recompile the Constitution in order to remove racist language, delete duplicative and repealed provisions, consolidate provisions regarding economic development, and arrange all local amendments by county of application during the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-273, HB11**, amends Sections 25-11-371 and 35-11-372, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require a hospital that provides medical treatment to an injured person to seek compensation solely from that person's health insurance provider, with the exception of approved copayments and deductibles, unless doing so would be contrary to a contract between the hospital and the persons' health care payor, or federal or state law or a contract exists between the hospital and the health care payor and there has been a failure to satisfy the claim; and (2) allow a hospital to perfect a hospital lien against any recovery the injured person may be awarded for injuries by way of settlement or judgment when the person's health care payor has failed to satisfy the person's claim, the person was not known to the hospital to be covered by a health care payor, the person was covered by a governmental payor, or the person was not a subscriber to a primary care policy. If a hospital does not receive evidence of an injured person's health care payor until after the lien is perfected, it would be required to bill the health care payor for the treatment but could retain its lien until the claim is satisfied.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-274, HB24**, provides that an individual's blindness may not serve as a basis for: (1) denial or restriction of visitation or custody in family or dependency cases when the visitation or custody is otherwise in the best interests of the child; (2) denial of participation in adoption when the adoption is otherwise in the best interests of the child; or (3) denial of appointment as a foster parent or legal guardian of a child when such foster care or legal guardianship is otherwise in the best interests of the child.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-275, HB156**, makes an appropriation of \$169,633 from the State General Fund to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; requires the submission by the coalition to the Director of Finance of an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of the appropriated funds; and requires submission of quarterly and end-of-year performance reports by the coalition to the Director of Finance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-276, HB157**, appropriates \$39,885,565 from the Children First Trust Fund to be distributed in specified amounts, and in quarterly allotments, to the following agencies: (1) Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; (2) Children's Trust Fund; (3) Department of Forensic Sciences; (4) Alabama Department of Human Resources; (5) Juvenile Probation Services Fund; (6) Alabama Medicaid Agency; (7) Alabama Department of Mental Health; (8) State Multiple Needs Children's Fund; (9) Department of Public Health; (10) Department of Rehabilitation Services; and (11) Department of Youth Services. The act provides for the deposit of tobacco settlement revenues into the Children First Trust Fund within 30 days of receipt, and conditions allocations of the appropriated funds to each agency upon the receipt of tobacco revenues that have been earmarked for that agency. The act also requires that the portion of Children First Trust Fund receipts currently allocated for the State Board of Education shall be transferred to the State General Fund during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. The act also requires an appropriation from additional tobacco settlement funds of \$48,901,593 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, to be distributed in specified amounts to the following entities: (1) Department of Early Childhood Education; (2) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Debt Service; (3) Senior Services Trust Fund; (4) Alabama Medicaid Agency; and (5) Department of Senior Services – Medicaid Waiver. Any remaining tobacco revenues available shall be conditionally appropriated on the recommendation of the Director of Finance, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation-General Fund Committee when approved by the Governor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2019.

**Act 2019-277, HB166**, provides for a two percent cost-of-living salary increase for all state employees beginning on October 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2019.

**Act 2019-278, HB176**, amends Sections 40-26B-71, 40-26B-73, 40-26B-77.1, 40-26B-79, 40-26B-80, 40-26B-81, 40-26B-82, 40-26B-84, 40-26B-85, and 40-26B-88, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to Medicaid, to change the assessment on net patient revenue on all private hospitals to 6.0% of net patient revenue in fiscal year 2017 for fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-279, HB177**, amends Section 40-26B-21, Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the current supplemental privilege assessment and monthly surcharge on nursing facilities until August 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2019.

**Act 2019-280, HB245**, amends Section 27-46-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to revise the definition of nurse anesthetists for purposes of reimbursement or payment of services provided by nurse anesthetists within their scope of practice, to include a licensed registered nurse who is currently certified as a registered nurse anesthetist by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists or another certifying body approved by the Board of Nursing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2019.

**Act 2019-281, HB291**, authorizes local boards of education to allow released time for student participation in religious instruction for purposes of satisfying elective course credit requirements of the school system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-282, HB304**, relating to the Alabama Real Estate Appraisers Board and the licensing and regulation of real estate appraisers, amends Sections 34-27A-2, 34-27A-3, 34-27A-5, and 34-27A-23, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) allow an evaluation, as defined, in lieu of an appraisal when an appraisal is not required by federal law or the financial institution involved; (2) provide the law regulating real estate appraisers does not apply to an appraiser performing an evaluation; and (3) allow an investigator for the board to be a licensee of the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-283, HB329**, amends Section 11-51-194, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) clarify that the business delivery license fee for businesses with no physical presence within a municipality or a municipality's police jurisdiction except to deliver its merchandise is charged per business; (2) provide an exception for the requirement to purchase a delivery license for a taxpayer whose gross receipts within the municipality or the municipality's police jurisdiction do not exceed \$10,000 for the preceding license year when the taxpayer has no other physical presence within the municipality or the municipality's police jurisdiction except to deliver its merchandise; and (3) provide that a delivery license purchased under this section shall be calculated in arrears, based on the related gross receipts during the preceding license year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2019.

**Act 2019-284, HB419**, amends Sections 40-16-1, 40-16-3, and 40-16-6 of, adds Sections 40-16-1.2, 40-16-1.3, 40-16-5.1, 40-16-10, and 40-16-11 to, and repeals Section 40-16-5 of, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that elections to file Alabama consolidated excise tax returns are binding on the Department of Revenue and qualified corporate groups for not less than 10 taxable years, unless the qualified corporate group revokes or terminates its federal consolidation return election; (2) require the Department of Revenue to distribute excise tax revenue with 50% to the general fund, 33.3% to municipalities, and 16.7% to counties; (3) provide municipalities, starting in 2019, with a percentage share of the total municipal financial institution excise tax revenue equal to its average percentage share of the total municipal financial institution revenue

distribution over a five year period ending in 2018; (4) distribute the first 20% of total county financial institution excise tax revenue equally among all counties, and the remaining 80% among the counties based on each county's share of total state population; and (5) provide that credit unions, when calculating net income for financial statement purposes, shall deduct dividends received from other credit unions and credit union service organizations, and in lieu of deductions for losses or bad debts, reasonable additions to reserves and for extraordinary expenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-285, HB420**, adds Section 40-29-23.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the Department of Revenue to enter into agreements with financial institutions in Alabama to develop and operate financial institution data match programs in order to provide identifying information to the department regarding account holders who are delinquent taxpayers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2019.

**Act 2019-286, HB468**, provides a one-time, two-step salary increase for all employees in the Department of Corrections correctional officer classification series, and amends Sections 36-26-35 and 14-1-20, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) allow merit employees in positions regarding certification as correctional or law enforcement officers by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission to receive payment for up to 80 hours per year of accrued and unused annual leave in excess of 480 hours; and (2) provide for bonus pay incentives for completion of training programs and upon attainment of career milestones by correctional officers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-287, HB136**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Baldwin County, to define the Rosinton Landmark District within the county and to provide that no property within this district may be annexed into any municipality by local law, with the exception that a new municipality incorporated after the ratification of this amendment is not subject to the annexation prohibition if the newly incorporated municipality includes land located within the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-300, HB620**, proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Baldwin County, to: (1) authorize the Legislature to provide, by local law, for the organization and incorporation of a toll road and bridge authority to oversee and maintain a toll road and bridge project in the county to connect the northern terminus of the Baldwin Beach Express to U.S. Interstate Highway 65; and (2) authorize the toll road and bridge authority to issue bonds, receive financial assistance, acquire real and personal property in connection with the project, and design, build, operate, and maintain the project.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-301, SB37**, amends Section 34-21-96, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the Board of Nursing to award loans to provide for the training of qualified applicants for admission to accredited nursing education programs approved by the board, and to students already enrolled in those programs, when those applicants and students sign a contract with the board to work, following graduation, in full time practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, or certified registered nurse assistant in critically medically underserved areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-302, SB59**, amends Sections 22-11A-4 and 22-11A-40, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require medical service providers to submit clinical materials relating to the treatment of any patient suspected of having a disease or health condition of public importance to the Department of Public Health; (2) require the board to administer a proficiency testing program to personnel that will be involved in laboratory testing for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) prior to the administration of the laboratory testing. The act also adds Section 22-11A-42 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) allow the board to set a reasonable schedule of fees for services rendered by the board's Bureau of Clinical Laboratories; and (2) provide that all fees collected shall be deposited to the board for purposes of carrying out Chapter 11A.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-303, SB277**, amends Sections 38-13-2 and 38-13-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require criminal background checks for any adult working in a child care institution, group home, maternity center, or transitional living facility; and (2) expand the list of violent crimes for which a conviction would make an individual unsuitable for employment, volunteer work, approval, or licensure regarding a child care institution, group home, maternity center, or transitional living facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-304, HB251**, amends Sections 10A-1-3.33, 10A-5A-1.01, 10A-8A-1.02, and 10A-8A-4.11, Code of Alabama 1975, to require business organizations other than business corporations, real estate investment trusts, nonprofit corporations, limited liability companies, general partnerships, and limited partnerships, to provide access to business records and books to governing persons and their agents and attorneys for any purpose relating to the governing person's service as a governing person.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Retroactive to January 1, 2019, effective May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-305, HB257**, amends Section 32-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975, to clarify that the Legislative Oversight Committee may not consider for approval applications for a distinctive license plate from private or proprietary two-year colleges and private or proprietary technical schools. The act also: (1) requires the Department of Revenue to review all personalized license plates and determine whether a requested plate is to be issued or renewed; and (2) provides that the proceeds from annual license taxes and registration fees on battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles shall be allocated pursuant to a prescribed formula to counties and municipalities for transportation infrastructure improvements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-306, HB308**, amends Sections 14-3-44 and 14-6-19, Code of Alabama 1975, to require the Department of Corrections and sheriffs to provide feminine hygiene products to female prisons at the expense of the department or county, upon request by the prisoner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-308, HB395**, amends Sections 9-11-22 and 9-11-59, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) remove the requirement that sensitive personally identifying information be included on equipment used by commercial fishermen and trappers; and (2) require, instead, a unique identification number or license number to identify the owner of the equipment without requiring the disclosure of the owner's Social Security number, home address, or other sensitive personally identifying information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-310, HB518**, amends Section 2-17-10, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that a food product containing cultured animal tissue that is produced from animal cell cultures and not derived directly from an animal may not be labeled as either meat or a meat food product.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-315, HB20**, amends Section 22-21-27, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the advisory board that assists the State Health Officer on laws relating to hospitals and health care facilities to meet by electronic means in compliance with the Open Meeting Act; and (2) require the advisory board to establish rules of procedure for its meetings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-316, HB21**, amends Sections 16-25-14 and 36-27-16, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) allow members of the Teachers' Retirement System and the Employees' Retirement System to elect to receive, at retirement, a partial lump sum distribution as a single payment not to exceed the sum of 24 months of the maximum monthly retirement allowance the member could receive; and (2) allow such a distribution to be selected in combination with another distribution option that issues payments to a beneficiary from the retiree's retirement allowance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-317, HB73**, amends Section 24-9-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow the Administrator of the Alabama Credit Union Administration to appoint a designee to serve on the Alabama Land Bank Authority Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-318, HB247**, amends Sections 17-9-5, 17-11-12, 17-13-3, 17-13-17, and 17-13-18, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the period during which the officer charged with the printing and distribution of official ballots and elections supplies must deliver absentee ballots, envelopes, and other necessary supplies to the absentee election manager of any county in which a primary runoff election takes place from seven days to 14 days; (2) change date for primary

elections other than special primary elections and presidential preference primaries from the first Tuesday in June to the fourth Tuesday in May; (3) shorten the time between a primary election and any second or runoff primary from six weeks to four weeks; (4) shorten the time for the chair of each county executive committee to certify primary election results to the state executive committee from eight days to seven days; and (5) shorten the time after a primary for the state executive committee to declare the results of a primary election and provide the Secretary of State with the returns from 10 days to eight days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-319, HB277**, amends Section 41-4-284, Code of Alabama 1975, to delete the requirement that the Telecommunications Division of the Department of Finance destroy and discard from its system all records of telephone usage six months following the payment of the billing for that usage period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-320, HB338**, amends Sections 40-9-19 and 40-9-21.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require any person under age 65 who qualifies for a homestead exemption to initially claim the exemption in person or by a form affidavit provided by the Alabama Department of Revenue; (2) require any person who qualifies for a homestead exemption under any other provision of law to initially claim the exemption in person; and (3) require any person over age 65 who qualifies for a homestead exemption to verify eligibility for the exemptions each year after the initial qualification, either in person or by mail on a form affidavit provided by the tax assessor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-321, HB396**, amends Section 11-54-101, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that any industrial development board in a Class 1 municipality whose directors are elected by the governing body of the Class 1 municipality that grants a tax abatement under Chapter 9B of Title 40 may charge an administrative fee in an amount not to exceed 0.25% of the total estimated value amount for the project, up to an estimated investment amount of \$40,000,000 as reflected in the application for abatement of taxes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2019.

**Act 2019-322, HB403**, amends Sections 38-13-2 and 38-13-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require criminal background checks for any adult working in a child care institution, group home, maternity center, or transitional living facility; and (2) expand the list of violent crimes for which a conviction would make an individual unsuitable for employment, volunteer work, approval, or licensure regarding a child care institution, group home, maternity center, or transitional living facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-326, HB400**, is the Broadband Using Electric Easements Accessibility Act. The act adds Chapter 16 to Title 37 to: (1) authorize the placement, construction, installation, operation, and use of broadband and other advanced communication capabilities and related facilities

within electric easements by electric providers; (2) authorize electric providers to engage in, and permit electric providers to authorize others to engage in, operating broadband systems or providing broadband services through advanced communications capabilities within electric easements; (3) grant the right to electric providers to condemn easements and rights-of-way for advanced communications capabilities; (4) provide for the rates and the terms and conditions of access for certain pole attachments; (5) provide for the allocation and accounting of certain costs associated with the provision of nonutility support services licenses, leases, and membership agreements to place, construct, install, operate, and use advanced communications within an electric easement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-327, SB90**, amends Sections 41-23-212, 41-23-213, and 41-23-214, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the minimum Internet speed that qualifies as minimum service threshold; (2) increase the monetary maximum for grants awarded for projects designed to spread broadband Internet to unserved areas; (3) require the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, when awarding grants, to take into consideration the average pole attachment rates that a grant applicant charges to an unaffiliated entity; and (4) authorize ADECA to give additional consideration to certain grant applicants, including applicants certified by the ADECA Office of Minority Business Enterprise or otherwise certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2019.

**Act 2019-330, SB313**, proposes an amendment to Section 177 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to elections, to provide that only a citizen of the United States has the right to vote.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-340, SB69**, amends Sections 22-9A-17, 30-1-5, 30-1-12, and 30-1-16, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) abolish the requirement of a marriage license for marriages performed in this state; (2) establish requirements for a marriage document to be completed and signed by the parties to the marriage; (3) require the payment of a recording fee to the judge of probate for each marriage recorded; (4) establish that there is no requirement for a marriage ceremony in order to legitimize a marriage; and (5) repeal Sections 30-1-9, 30-1-10, 30-1-11, 30-1-13, and 30-1-14, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to marriage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 29, 2019.

**Act 2019-343, HB361**, is the Fantasy Contests Act. The act: (1) provides for the operation of fantasy sports contests for cash prizes when winning outcomes are determined predominately by accumulated statistical results of performance of individual athletes in actual sporting events and winning outcomes are not based on the score, point spread, or any performance of any single actual sports team or combination of teams or solely on any single performance of an individual athlete in any single sporting event; (2) requires fantasy contest operators to apply for registration with the Office of the Attorney General, pay registration fees, and pay taxes equal to 10.5% of yearly gross revenues; (3) establishes procedures to prevent fraud, ensure fairness,



enforce minimum age requirements, prohibit advertising targeted at minors, prohibit contests based on high school or youth sports, truthfully advertise prizes and awards for each contest, prohibit athletes from participating in fantasy contests determined in whole or in part upon their or their team's performance or in sports in which they participate, segregate fantasy contest player funds from operational funds, and provide for independent audits; and (4) allows the Office of the Attorney General to adopt rules to implement and enforce the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 2019.

**Act 2019-344, HB559**, amends Section 15-18-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that when imposing a sentence for a misdemeanor or a municipal ordinance, the court may order a portion of the sentence to be suspended and the defendant to be placed on probation not exceeding two years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 31, 2019.

**Act 2019-345, SB397**, proposes a constitutional amendment to Amendment 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 262 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to change the name of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education to the Alabama Commission on Elementary and Secondary Education and Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, provided the members of the commission would be appointed by the Governor rather than elected and the secretary would be appointed by the commission, and to authorize the Governor to appoint a team of local educators and other officials to advise the commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-346, HB505**, proposes an amendment to Section 6.14 of Amendment 328 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 153 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama, as amended, to extend the initial term of a judge appointed to fill a vacancy from the January following the next general election occurring after the judge completes one year in office to the January following the next general election occurring after the judge completes two years in office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification.

**Act 2019-355, HB381**, amends Section 22-8-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to add nurse practitioners and physician assistants to the list of medical practitioners for whom consent is not required to provide legally authorized medical or mental health services to a person who is physically or mentally unable to consent if a licensed physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist and one or more nurse practitioners or physician assistants sign a written statement finding that the medical services are necessary and a delay in treatment would increase the risk to the person's life or health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2019.

**Act 2019-356, HB517**, amends Section 37-4-150, Code of Alabama 1975, to remove the sunset provision from the Energy Security Act of 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-357, HB7**, amends Section 34-23-94, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) clarify that appeals of orders of the State Board of Pharmacy may be made to the circuit court of the county where the aggrieved party resides or where the board maintains its headquarters; and (2) clarify that such appeals shall be governed by the judicial review provisions of the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act except for a requirement within the act to file a notice of appeal within 30 days from the receipt of the order or ruling to be appealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2019.

**Act 2019-358, HB16**, amends Section 11-46-38, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that an individual must register to vote in a municipal election at least 14 days prior to the election rather than at least 10 days; and (2) provide that if an individual relocates his or her residence from one ward of a city or town to another ward in the same city or town, he or she may vote in the ward where he or she previously resided if he or she would have been otherwise entitled to vote there.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-359, HB174**, (1) allows a qualified voter who has a permanent disability preventing his or her attendance at the polls to vote by absentee ballot; and (2) requires the Secretary of State to adopt rules implementing a process to place such a voter on the absentee voter list and provide that person with a ballot before each election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-360, HB286**, amends Sections 11-43A-1.1, 11-43A-7, and 11-43A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require a petition in order to change the government of a Class 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 municipality from a mayor-council form of government to a council-manager form of government and require the petition to be certified as sufficient by the judge of probate before it can be submitted to the qualified voters of the municipality; (2) provide for the composition of the council in any such municipality proposing to adopt the council-manager form of government; (3) require the composition of the council in the event such a change in the form of government is approved by voters shall be indicated on the ballot; and (4) change the month during which the change in the form of government shall take place, and during which the elected council qualifies and takes office, from October following the next ensuing municipal election to November following the next ensuing municipal election, except for in Class 6 cities electing to have a nine-member council, in which case the change shall occur in November in any even-numbered year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2019.

**Act 2019-361, HB360**, (1) requires fire departments to provide and maintain insurance coverage for career firefighters to pay claims for cancer diagnosed after 12 consecutive months of service; (2) provides for volunteer fire departments to make the same coverage available to volunteer firefighters, but does not require volunteer fire departments to pay for the coverage; and (3) exempts payments from the coverage and premiums for the coverage from state income tax.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-364, HB506**, amends Section 16-23-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the length of time an emergency certificate is valid from one to two years, with the ability of being renewed once, for a maximum validity of four years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-368, HB35**, adds Section 34-23-77 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize a pharmacist licensed by the Board of Pharmacy and a physician licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners to enter into a collaborative practice agreement, to require the collection of fees from participating physicians by the State Board of Medical Examiners and the collection of fees from participating pharmacists by the Board of Pharmacy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2019.

**Act 2019-369, SB97**, amends Section 9-11-307, Code of Alabama 1975, to classify the offense of violating Article 11 of Title 9 or any rule adopted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources relating to wildlife management areas and to set the minimum fine for such an offense at \$100.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-370, SB128**, adds Section 17-9-50.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) prohibit an individual from taking a photograph of another voter's ballot or otherwise revealing the contents of another voter's ballot to anyone other than an individual lawfully assisting the voter at any polling place; (2) provide that any violation is a Class A misdemeanor; and (3) provide that an individual is not prohibited from making available a photograph of his or her own ballot by posting the photograph on the Internet or by some other electronic medium.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-371, SB314**, amends Section 9-11-328, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit a municipal, county, state, or other publicly owned zoo or wildlife exhibit or a privately owned traveling zoo, circus, or pet shop from the importation of any species of the family Cervidae into the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-373, SB30**, amends Section 12-19-70, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the granting of hardship waivers for docket fees, to require the hardship waiver to be granted if the court does not make a written finding that the individual has sufficient resources to pay the docket fee within 90 days of the filing of the hardship statement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2019.

**Act 2019-374, SB110**, (1) requires an employer intending to relocate a call center or one or more facilities or operating units within a call center consisting of at least 30 percent of the call center's total volume to notify the Director of the Department of Economic and Community Affairs at least 120 days before the relocation is scheduled to occur; (2) authorizes the Attorney

General to commence an action for assessment of civil penalties for failure to provide such notice; (3) requires the director to compile a list of every employer who has relocated a call center starting on October 1, 2019, and every six months thereafter; (4) disqualifies employers appearing on this list from receiving grants, loans, or tax credits from the state or its political subdivisions for five years after the relocation; (5) provides for the recapture of the unamortized value of any grant, loan, or tax credit received by an employer who appears on the list; and (6) provides for waiver of disqualification when the disqualification would cause substantial job loss, harm to the environment, or a significant economic impact within the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-375, SB195**, makes appropriations from the Education Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019: (1) to the State Department of Education in the amount of \$3,112,615; (2) to the Department of Rehabilitation Services in the amount of \$1,550,000; (3) to the Alabama Public Library Service in the amount of \$500,000; (4) to the Alabama Building Renovation Finance Authority in the amount of \$650,000; (5) to the Lieutenant Governor Workforce Commission in the amount of \$150,000; and (6) to the Alabama Community College System for the Dual Enrollment Program in the amount of \$977,997. The act also makes an appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, from the Alabama Board of Nursing Trust Fund to the Alabama Board of Nursing in the amount of \$570,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 4, 2019.

**Act 2019-376, SB197**, (1) makes an appropriation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, from the Education Trust Fund to Talladega College in the amount of \$927,147 for the support of public education in Alabama and for the support and maintenance of the educational program of Talladega College; (2) requires Talladega College to submit an operations plan for fiscal year 2020 and an audited financial statement for all operations during the fiscal year 2018 to the Director of Finance; (3) requires Talladega College to make quarterly reports of expenditures and accomplishments to the Director of Finance; and (4) requires the Director of Finance to forward copies of all required reports to the Legislative Council in a timely manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-379, HB597**, (1) provides paid leave for time spent by a state employee who is subpoenaed by the district attorney or Attorney General to be present at the trial of a defendant charged with a criminal homicide related to the death of a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; and (2) provides for paid leave for time spent by any state employee who is a parent of a deceased law enforcement officer when the employee's presence at the trial is requested by the district attorney or Attorney General.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2019.

**Act 2019-380, HB600**, amends Section 31-14-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to add the Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs to the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2019.

**Act 2019-381, HB31**, amends Sections 12-15-301 and 12-15-310, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that a statement made during a forensic interview, as defined, by a child under the age of 12 may be entered into evidence in a juvenile dependency hearing involving that child when the case is brought by the State of Alabama acting by and through a local department of human resources, the statement pertains to acts of child abuse committed against the child, the statement is not otherwise admissible by statute or court rule, and the juvenile court makes a determination that the statement is reliable.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-382, HB183**, amends Section 40-23-199, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) extend to October 1, 2019, the amnesty period for uncollected remote use taxes for eligible sellers participating in the simplified sellers use tax remittance program; and (2) disallow class action lawsuits against an eligible seller on behalf of customers for an overpayment of simplified sellers use tax collected and remitted on sales made by the eligible seller.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2019.

**Act 2019-383, SB196**, makes supplemental appropriations from the Education Trust Fund Advancement and Technology Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, to: (1) the State Department of Education in the amount of \$1,287,807; (2) public institutions of higher education in the amount of \$73,609,761; and (3) the Department of Education, the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, the Board of Youth Services School Districts, the Board of Directors of the Alabama School of Fine Arts, and the Board of Trustees of the Alabama School of Math and Science in the amount of \$198,716,398. The act also would provide that funds appropriated to the Department of Education may not be expended without prior approval from the State Superintendent of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2019.

**Act 2019-384, SB200**, makes a supplemental appropriation of \$11,501,562 from the Education Trust Fund to Tuskegee University for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Requires the university to submit to the Director of Finance: (1) an operations plan for the fiscal year 2020; and (2) an audited financial statement for all operations during fiscal year 2018. The act also requires the university to make quarterly reports to the Director of Finance relating actual expenditures and accomplishments to planned expenditures and accomplishments. The act also requires the Director of Finance to forward a copy of all required reports to the Legislative Council in a timely manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-385, SB203**, makes an appropriation of \$357,290 from the Education Trust Fund to Lyman Ward Military Academy for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Requires the academy to submit to the Director of Finance: (1) an operations plan for fiscal year 2020, including goals and measurable performance indicators; and (2) an audited financial statement for all operations during fiscal year 2018. The act also requires the academy to make quarterly reports to the Director of Finance relating actual expenditures and accomplishments to planned

expenditures and accomplishments. The act also requires the Director of Finance to forward a copy of all required reports to the Legislative Council in a timely manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-386, SB254**, amends Section 32-5B-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require all occupants of a motor vehicle to use seat belts; and (2) provide that a violation by any person other than a front seat occupant is a secondary violation, and that the issuance of a citation or arrest warrant for the violation may only result from a lawful stop of the vehicle based on probable cause of another violation of law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-387, SB308**, amends Section 40-26-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) impose the transient occupancy tax upon persons, firms, or corporations in the business of renting or furnishing to transients in marine slips, places or spaces for tent camping, or places or spaces provided for motor homes, travel trailers, self-propelled campers or house cars, truck campers, or recreational vehicles; and (2) exclude from the transient occupancy tax the renting or furnishing of marine slips, places or spaces for tent camping, or places or spaces provided for motor homes, travel trailers, self-propelled campers or house cars, truck campers, or recreational vehicles for a period of 90 continuous days or more in any place occurring after October 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2019.

**Act 2019-388, HB159**, adds Section 16-1-2.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish the required number of restroom fixtures provided at public or private high school sports stadiums for each sex based on total stadium occupancy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-389, HB216**, (1) phases in the requirement that each public K-12 school in the state offer courses in computer science; (2) provides funding for evidence-based, authentic computer science professional learning for K-12 computer science teachers; (3) provides for a designated state computer science specialist at the Department of Education; (4) provides secondary and postsecondary graduation credit and admissions pathways in computer science for students; (5) establishes multiple computer science certification pathways for public school teachers, including requirements for institutions of higher education to provide preservice coursework that leads to certification in computer science; (6) provides that a successfully completed computer science course shall count as one math or science credit for purposes of high school graduation requirements; and (7) provides that subject to appropriations from the Legislature, computer science teachers shall be eligible for the Alabama Math and Science Teacher Education Loan Repayment Program (AMSTEP), subject to payout limitations per year or semester worked and exclusion from the acute shortage area supplement unless the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the State Department of Education concur to allow inclusion; and (8) authorizes the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to adopt rules implementing the required changes to AMSTEP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-392, HB540**, amends Sections 27-4A-3, 40-18-376, 40-18-376.1, 40-18-410, 40-18-411, 40-18-412, 40-18-413, and 40-18-414, Code of Alabama 1975, and adds new Sections 40-18-6.1, 40-18-8.1, and 40-18-376.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975, and adds a new Article 2C to Chapter 10 of Title 41 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to create the Alabama Incentives Modernization Act to: (1) add additional incentives for the attraction of new and expanding businesses in rural Alabama and for the attraction of high-tech companies to Alabama; (2) make various enhancements to Alabama's incentives laws; (3) enhance Alabama's participation in the opportunity zone program; (4) provide for the repeal of conflicting laws; and (5) provide for the distribution of proceeds from the insurance premium tax.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 5, 2019.

**Act 2019-393, HB380**, amends Sections 15-22-20, 15-22-21, 15-22-26, 15-22-28, 15-22-36, and 15-22-37, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Pardons and Paroles; (2) provide for the membership of the board; (3) authorize the Governor to appoint a Director of Pardons and Paroles and establish the director's responsibilities; (4) set criteria to be used by the board to determine a prisoner's initial parole consideration date; (5) set parameters to be used if the board deviates from the standards when setting a prisoner's initial parole consideration date; (6) require approval by the deputy Attorney General or assistant Attorney General if the board deviates from the standards when setting a prisoner's initial parole consideration date; and (7) require the board to work with the district attorney or Attorney General's Office to notify a victim, victim's representative, or other interested party prior to the board taking action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-394, HB152**, is the General Fund Budget. The act makes appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-395, HB154**, makes supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019: (1) from the Home Builders Property Acquisition Fund to the Home Builders Licensure Board in the amount of \$600,000; (2) from the Alabama State Board of Midwifery Fund to the Alabama State Board of Midwifery in the amount of \$25,000; (3) from the Alabama Behavior Analyst Licensing Board Fund to the Alabama Behavior Analyst Licensing Board in the amount of \$30,000; (4) from the State General Fund to the Legislature in the amount of \$459,000; and (5) from the State General Fund to the Unified Judicial System for the Alabama Sentencing Commission in the amount of \$375,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-396, HB498**, requires: (1) state two-year and four-year colleges and universities to adopt and enforce policies that protect and uphold free speech rights for students, faculty, and staff; (2) the boards of trustees of each public institution of higher education to submit to the Governor and the Legislature a report detailing the course of action implemented to ensure

compliance with the act within 90 days after its effective date and any changes or updates to the chosen course of action within 30 days after the changes; and (3) the boards of trustees to publish annual reports detailing violations of the policies, describing how the violations were handled, describing difficulties and successes in maintaining institutional neutrality, and including any other assessments, criticism, commendations, or recommendations the boards see fit to include.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-397, SB72**, adds a new Section 36-26-48 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize lump sum merit reward payments for certain full-time state employees who have reached the maximum of their assigned pay ranges and have met or exceeded standards on their annual performance appraisals when a cost of living increase has not been provided to state employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-398, SB246**, (1) amends Sections 22-52-10.2 and 22-52-10.3, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that a probate court may issue a renewal of an involuntary commitment order for treatment for a mentally ill person if it finds, after a hearing, that the person is in need of further care; and (2) adds a new Section 22-52-10.10, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide procedural requirements for petitioning for such a renewal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-399, SB192**, (1) provides for a revision of the State Minimum Salary Schedule to reflect a pay increase of four percent beginning with the fiscal year 2019-2020 for public education employees; (2) provides that each employee of certain boards of education shall receive the pay increase according to placement on the appropriate salary step; (3) requires the appropriate increases on the State Minimum Salary Schedule; (4) provides support employees with a four percent pay increase beginning with the fiscal year 2019-2020; (5) requires salary schedules; (6) provides the employees of certain other public educational institutions and schools with a four percent pay increase for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; (7) provides for an across-the-board salary increase on all two-year postsecondary salary schedules; (8) establishes other requirements on the two-year postsecondary salary schedules; and (9) establishes miscellaneous pay provisions relating to public education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-400, SB404**, amends Sections 28-4A-3, 28-3A-6, and 28-4A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) permit a manufacturer of beer that annually sells 60,000 barrels of beer or less to have a financial interest in a brewpub under certain conditions; and (2) provide that the privilege or excise tax on beer is levied at the time the beer is allocated by the brewery or brewpub for the purpose of retail sale and not at the time dispensed for consumption.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-403, SB199**, is the Education Trust Fund Budget. The act makes appropriations for the support, maintenance, and development of public education in the state, debt service, and capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.



EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-404, SB78**, is the Alabama Innovation Act. The act: (1) authorizes the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to establish and administer the research and development enhancement grant program for the purpose of encouraging new and continuing efforts to conduct new or expanded research and development activities within the state and specifies that the grant program shall begin with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; (2) establishes the Alabama Research and Development Enhancement Fund in the State Treasury; (3) provides limitations on the award of individual grants under the grant program; (4) creates the Alabama Research and Development Enhancement Oversight Committee to provide general oversight over the grant award determinations and to recommend further statutory changes to promote research and development within the state; (6) requires ADECA to provide a quarterly report to the oversight committee on the awarded grants and the status of grants under the program; (7) limits any individual research entity to receiving not more than 20 percent of maximum amount of research grants awarded in a single fiscal year; and (8) provides ADECA an application process for the awarding of grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-405, SB297**, amends Sections 12-11-30, 12-12-30, and 12-19-71, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the exclusive original jurisdiction of the circuit court from cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000 to cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$20,000; (2) increase the original civil jurisdiction of the district court from cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000 to civil actions in which the matter in controversy does not exceed \$20,000; and (3) further provide for the filing fee for cases filed in the district court to reflect the increase in the authorized amount in controversy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-406, SB245**, amends Section 34-23-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to define biological products and interchangeable biological products. The act also adds Section 34-23-8.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize licensed pharmacists to dispense less expensive interchangeable biological products when a practitioner in this state has expressly authorized the substitution or, if the practitioner is out-of-state, when the practitioner has not expressly prohibited the substitution; (2) provide requirements for a prescription for a biological product prescribed in this state to allow the practitioner to communicate whether a substitution is allowed; (3) require a pharmacist who dispenses an interchangeable biological product for the prescribed biological product to inform the patient of the substitution; and (4) require a pharmacist who dispenses an interchangeable biological product for the prescribed biological product to inform the prescribing physician of the substitution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-407, SB315**, amends Sections 37-15-2, 37-15-4, 37-15-4.1, 37-15-5, 37-15-6, 37-15-9, and 37-15-10, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) revise the manner in which notice can be given to the One Call Notification System; (2) require an excavator operating where a public easement exists to premark the route or boundaries of the excavation or demolition prior to notifying the

underground facility operator of the excavation or demolition through the One-Call Notification System; (3) exempt persons for damage to an operator's underground facility if the person properly notified the operator of the proposed excavation or demolition, the operator failed to locate its underground facilities, and damage proximately resulted from that failure; (4) delete the provision that allowed operators with an in-house notification system to not become a member of the One-Call Notification System; (5) require the One-Call Notification system to provide an annual report of operations and financial review or audit to the Public Service Commission; (6) revise the civil penalties for a violation of the One-Call Notification System; and (7) establish the Underground Damage Prevention Fund into which all civil penalties recovered shall be paid. The act also adds Sections 37-15-10.1 and 37-15-10.2 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) create the Underground Damage Prevention Authority; (2) establish a procedure for the enforcement of the requirements of the notification and penalty provisions; and (3) require the board of the authority to review the adequacy of the enforcement process.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-408, HB459**, amends Section 34-25-26, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the application, original license, and license renewal fees for polygraph examiners, effective October 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-409, HB565**, is the Alabama Bail Bond Regulatory Act. The act: (1) creates the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board; (2) requires professional bondsmen and recovery agents to be licensed by the board and provides criminal penalties for a person who acts as a professional bondsman or recovery agent without being licensed; (3) establishes the Alabama Bail Bond Board Fund in the State Treasury; (4) provides procedures for licensure applications and provides qualifications for licensure; (5) provides civil penalties for making a false statement to the board; (6) authorizes the board to suspend or revoke a license; and (7) provides certain continuing education requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-414, HB188**, amends Sections 36-14-1, 36-14-11, 36-14-12, and 36-14-13, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Secretary of State to record all deeds filed in his or her office in electronic format; (2) in lieu of binding and distributing copies of each volume of acts and resolutions of each legislative session, authorize the Secretary of State to store and distribute the acts and resolutions in electronic format; and (3) require the Secretary of State to furnish, by electronic means or otherwise, to the Library of Congress a copy of the general and local laws of the state for each legislative session.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2019.

**Act 2019-415, HB227**, amends Section 17-11-14, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) revise the time periods for which absentee election managers are compensated to include the 55-day period prior to the election, the day of the election, and the seven-day period following the election during

which ballots under the Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may be returned; and (2) limit the total number of days for which each manager may be compensated to 46 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-416, HB309**, amends Section 16-22-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the president or chief executive officer of Madison Academy and Briarwood Presbyterian Church and its integrated auxiliary Briarwood Christian School to appoint and employ one or more suitable persons to act as police officers to protect the property of the school or academy; and (2) clarify that police officers that operate on certain private school campuses have the power of arrest for unlawful acts committed on the property, provided that the police officer is certified through the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-417, HB261**, (1) requires public trade schools and junior colleges that offer instruction in the operation of commercial motor vehicles to offer, as part of the course curriculum, industry specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking; (2) requires the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Community College system to ensure the specific training requirements are properly offered; and (3) requires any other private training school to use best efforts to incorporate into its course curriculum the specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-418, HB489**, adds Section 32-6-281 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the design, creation, and issuance of a distinctive license plate for emergency medical services providers and to provide that a person who falsely obtains or certifies an individual to obtain a distinctive emergency medical service provider license plate is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-437, SB312**, amends Section 32-1-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for the definition of scooter, shared micromobility device, and shared micromobility device system. The act also adds Section 32-19-2 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) prohibit the operation or deployment of shared micromobility devices on the public highways or bikeways of the state without prior authorization from the county or municipality in which the system will be operated; (2) exempt shared micromobility devices from the insurance, licensing, and registration requirements required of motor vehicles; (3) require the owner of a shared micromobility device system to obtain commercial liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (4) authorize counties and municipalities to regulate the operation of shared micromobility devices.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-439, SB229**, amends Section 17-3-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the maximum number of working days the Chambers County Board of registrars may meet each fiscal year to 180 working days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-440, HB17**, amends Section 13A-11-75, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that if a person successfully appeals the revocation or denial of a pistol permit, the sheriff is required to issue or reinstate the pistol permit no later than the close of business on the fifth business day following the district court's transmittal of its order to the sheriff.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-441, HB69**, amends Section 34-23-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to require every electronic prescription from a practitioner to instruct the dispensing pharmacist whether or not a less pharmaceutically and therapeutically equivalent drug may be dispensed in lieu of the prescribed drug.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-442, HB190**, (1) prohibits a person from parking, causing to be parked, or permitting a motor vehicle to be parked on property under the control of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in violation of a rule adopted by the department; (2) creates a presumption that if an unattended motor vehicle is on property under control of the department in violation of a rule of the department, the registrant of the motor vehicle committed or authorized the parking violation; (3) authorizes a person who commits or authorizes a parking violation to be issued a Uniform Traffic Ticket and Complaint by a special officer appointed by the department who is not required to be certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission; (4) gives district courts exclusive jurisdiction of a violation; (5) provides a fine for a violation; and (6) provides for the disbursement of any fines collected.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-443, HB353**, authorizes the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Chairs of the House or Senate Judiciary Committees, or the Legislative Council to file an amicus curiae brief without leave of court at any time prior to the court's issuance of the certificate of judgment in any appeal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2019.

**Act 2019-444, HB390**, amends Section 40-23-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide an exemption from sales and use tax on the initial retail sales of adaptive equipment that is permanently affixed to a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-445, HB187**, amends Sections 25-5-60, 25-5-66, 25-5-68, 25-5-69, and 36-29A-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that Act 2018-523 of the 2018 Regular Session, which provided that the surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty shall continue to receive workers' compensation benefits after remarriage and provided that a surviving dependent child of such a law enforcement officer or firefighter shall continue to receive workers' compensation benefits until the dependent child reaches the age of majority, applies to the surviving spouse and dependents of a law enforcement officer or firefighter who

dies on or after January 1, 2018, as a result of injuries received while engaged in the performance of his or her duties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-446, HB302**, amends Sections 32-7A-2, 32-7A-5, 32-7A-8, 32-7A-11, and 32-7A-12, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that if a person has a second or subsequent mandatory liability insurance violation within the preceding two registration years, the department shall terminate the mandatory suspension of the person's registration only upon payment by the owner of a reinstatement fee of \$400; (2) provide for the procedure required for the registrant of a motor vehicle to claim the stored or inoperable exemption from maintaining continuous liability insurance coverage; (3) provide that the stored or inoperable exemption can only be claimed once during a registration period and any further lapse in coverage requires that payment of reinstatement fees; and (4) increase the maximum balance that may be in the Special Licensing Officials' Fund from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.

**Act 2019-447, HB349**, amends Sections 12-15-102, 16-28-3, 22-52-16, 26-1-1, and 26-14-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide the juvenile court with jurisdiction over individuals who are under 19 years of age and before the court for any of the following: a child in need of supervision matter; commitment to the State Department of Mental Health; or for a proceeding where it is alleged that the rights of the individual are improperly denied or infringed in proceedings resulting in suspension, expulsion, or exclusion from a public school; (2) provide that a person under the age of 19 years who is on track to graduate from public school may not be denied admission to the school solely on account of his or her age; (3) authorize unemancipated minors who are 18 years of age to enter into binding contracts; and (4) require the Department of Human Resources to provide services to an individual under the age of 19 years who is in need of protective services when the individual does not qualify for adult protective services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-448, HB355**, (1) authorizes a Class 5, Class 6, Class 7, or Class 8 municipality to rehire a retired law enforcement officer under certain conditions without suspension of his or her retirement allowance; and (2) limits the compensation of the retired law enforcement officer to the compensation he or she received at the time of retirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-449, HB378**, is the Municipal Audit Accountability Act. The act: (1) authorizes the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to examine the books, records, vouchers, and accounts of a municipality if the department suspects fraud or mismanagement of funds by that municipality; (2) authorizes the governing body of a municipality to request the department for such an examination under certain circumstances; (3) requires the department to establish and maintain a repository of independent audit reports received from municipalities; (4) authorizes the department to perform an audit, at the expense of the municipality, on any municipality that

fails to have an audit conducted as required; and (5) imposes financial penalties against municipal officials who fail or refuse to have an audit performed or submit an independent audit report as required.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-450, HB138**, provides civil immunity for negligence to a person who, in good faith and not for compensation, provides another individual transportation to a health care facility or health care provider when that claim of negligence is made by the individual receiving transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-451, HB211**, amends Section 36-21-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to require law enforcement officers employed by certain entities in the state to be paid subsistence pay when the officer is engaged in the performance of duties as a law enforcement officer for a period of four or more hours within a consecutive 24-hour period of time.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-452, HB528**, amends Section 40-3-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide each associate member of the county board of equalization in counties with a population of 600,000 or more with an increase in that member's annual compensation by \$9,000, for a total compensation of \$28,425.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-453, HB549**, is the Alabama Alzheimer's and Dementia Education, Care, and Training Act. The act authorizes the Department of Public Health to develop educational programs concerning Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases, and to offer those programs to individuals with those diseases, their families, and the general public. The act also repeals Sections 22-50-70, 22-50-71, 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama 1975, in order to remove the responsibility and authority of providing such educational programs from the Department of Mental Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-454, HB109**, amends Section 14-7-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the Department of Corrections to promote its products and services through advertisements, meals, and other commonly used methods to advertise products or services to the general public.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-456, HB32**, amends Sections 16-1-39 and 16-1-48, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) name those code sections the Kyle Graddy Act; and (2) authorize students in K-12 public schools to carry on their person and self-administer a single dose of autoinjectable epinephrine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2019.

**Act 2019-457, SB73**, is the Alabama Pharmacy Benefits Manager Licensure and Regulation Act. The act: (1) establishes standards and criteria for the regulation and licensure of pharmacy benefits managers that provide claims processing services or other prescription drug or device services for health benefit plans; (2) effective January 1, 2020, requires a pharmacy benefit manager operating in the state to be licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance; and (3) allows a pharmacist to provide an insured person with information regarding the person's cost share of a prescription drug.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2019.

**Act 2019-458, SB243**, amends Section 40-5-44, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require all tax collectors, elected assistant tax collectors, revenue commissioners, license commissioners, and other officials charged with collecting ad valorem taxes on motor vehicle tags, on or before November 1 of each year, to make final settlement with the State Comptroller of all matters pertaining to the respective office's collection of ad valorem taxes on motor vehicle tags; and (2) provide a monetary penalty against an official who fails to make the required settlement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-459, HB457**, is The Railroad Modernization Act of 2019. The act: (1) effective for the 2020 tax year, authorizes a tax credit against the income tax liability of an eligible taxpayer for qualified railroad rehabilitation expenditures; (2) authorizes the transfer of the credit to certain eligible transferees; and (3) continues the tax credit through the 2022 tax year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-460, HB139**, provides that if a claim under an insurance policy for damage to residential real property is paid to the insured and a lender, and the lender holds all or part of the proceeds from the insurance claim payment pending completion of all or part of the repairs to the property, the lender is required to notify the insured of each requirement with which the insured must comply for the lender to release the insurance proceeds and provides that interest at a rate of 10 percent per year begins to accrue on those insurance proceeds upon a lender's failure to properly release the proceeds or upon the lender's failure to explain the reason for its refusal and the requirements the lender must meet to have the proceeds released.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-461, HB288**, requires a physician, nurse, and employees and agents of a hospital, mental health facility, clinic, or nursing home who knowingly treat a person suffering from a gunshot wound or who receive a request for treatment for a gunshot wound to report the injury to a law enforcement officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-462, HB392**, amends Section 37-2A-10.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the yearly reductions of supervision and inspection fees for telecommunications carriers is applied with a cumulative effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-463, HB456**, (1) allows the operator of a recreational vehicle park to request a guest in the park to leave the park for illegal possession of a controlled substance, disturbance of the peace, or causing damage to the park; (2) provides the procedure for notifying a guest to leave the park; and (3) provides criminal penalties for a guest who remains or attempts to remain after the guest has been properly requested to leave the park.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-464, SB163**, (1) prohibits an occupational licensing board from automatically denying an application for a license or from revoking an existing license because of a criminal conviction when a valid Order of Limited Relief has been issued for the otherwise disqualifying conviction or convictions in question; (2) authorizes an individual who has been convicted in this state of a misdemeanor or felony to file a petition in the circuit court for an Order of Limited Relief; (3) establishes the grounds and procedure for the granting of an Order of Limited Relief; and (4) requires an administrative fee with the petition.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-465, SB320**, amends Sections 13A-5-6, 13A-6-60 to 13A-6-65, inclusive, 13A-6-65.1, 13A-6-66, 13A-6-67, 13A-6-68, 13A-6-70, 13A-6-71, 13A-6-81, 13A-6-82, 13A-6-122, 13A-6-241, 13A-6-243, 13A-11-9, 13A-11-32.1, 13A-12-120, 13A-12-121, 13A-12-190, 13A-12-192, 15-3-5, 15-20A-5, 15-20A-44, 15-23-101, and 15-23-102, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) redefine deviate sexual intercourse as sodomy; (2) include mental defectiveness, mental incapacitation, and physical helplessness in a broad definition of incapacitation; (3) redefine sexual contact to include touching that occurs through clothing without regard to marital relationship; (4) expand the definition of forcible compulsion; (5) provide that certain sexual contact can be an offense under sexual misconduct; (6) include additional offenses within the crime of sexual torture; and (7) create a presumption that juveniles adjudicated delinquent of certain sex offenses are not subjected to the state sex offender registration requirements if the juvenile has been counseled on the dangers of the conduct for which he or she was adjudicated delinquent unless the sentencing court makes a determination that the juvenile sex offender is to be subjected to those sex offender registration requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-466, SB282**, provides that a local fire district may not assess any type of fee or dues upon forest land that is treated as timber land for ad valorem purposes. The act also assigns the authority and responsibility for the control and coordination of fire prevention, fire protection, and firefighting services on land treated as timber land for ad valorem purpose to the jurisdiction of the Alabama Forestry Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-468, SB276**, amends Section 28-3A-17.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize wineries, distilleries, and breweries that conduct tastings and samplings and that are located within an entertainment district to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption within the district; (2) revise the requirements for certain types of municipalities to establish entertainment districts;



and (3) include a licensee holding a manufacturer's license that conducts tastings or samplings on the licensed premises within the minimum number of licensees required to establish an entertainment district in the municipality.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-469, SB279**, establishes permanent place names for each seat on the Supreme Court of Alabama and courts of appeals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2021.

**Act 2019-470, SB395**, is the annual codification act. The act: (1) adopts and incorporates into the Code of Alabama 1975, the general and permanent laws of the state enacted during the 2018 Regular Session as contained in the 2018 Cumulative Supplement to certain volumes of the code and 2018 Replacement Volumes 7, 7A, and 12B; (2) initially adopts and incorporates into the Code of Alabama 1975, 2018 Cumulative Supplements to local law volumes; (3) specifies that this adoption and incorporation constitutes a continuous systematic codification of the entire Code of Alabama 1975, and that this act is a law that adopts a code; (4) declares that the Code Publisher has certified it has discharged its duties regarding the replacement volumes; (5) expressly provides that this act does not affect any 2019 session statutes; and (6) specifies the duties of the Secretary of State regarding the custody of these cumulative supplements, replacement volumes, and initial volumes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-471, SB154**, amends Sections 23-2-142 and 23-2-153, Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt both the Department of Transportation and the Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority from various taxes and assessments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-473, SB406**, amends Section 32-9-29, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the Department of Transportation to issue an annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit for commercial wreckers that exceed the maximum height, weight, or length limitations established by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-474, SB122**, exempts the Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium, Inc., d/b/a ClasTran, from all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes until September 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-475, SB207**, prohibits any person from leaving a child or an incapacitated person in a motor vehicle unattended in a manner that creates an unreasonable risk of injury or harm. The act: (1) provides that a person who enters a motor vehicle by force or otherwise at the direction of a public safety official for the purpose of removing a child or an incapacitated person from the vehicle is immune from criminal immunity if the person meets certain requirements; (2) requires a public safety official who has been contacted by a person reporting a child or incapacitated

person in a motor vehicle in a manner that creates an unreasonable risk of injury or harm to the child to immediately dispatch a locksmith or towing company with vehicle lockout capabilities and to attempt to make contact with the registered owner and the vehicle operator; and (3) provides civil and criminal immunity to a public safety official who acts reasonably in the course of his or her employment under the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-476, SB240**, authorizes the judge of probate in each county to appoint not more than two high school or college students to work as unpaid student interns at each polling place in the county on election day and authorizes those student interns to count any absence from school as an excused absence.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-477, SB281**, amends Section 16-50-20, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) change the Governor's position on the Board of Trustees of Alabama State University from ex officio president to ex officio member; (2) provide for the selection of the president and president pro tempore of the board by the membership of the board from the membership of the board; and (3) remove language that required a certain number of non-minority and minority representation on the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-478, SB10**, amends Sections 21-7-1 to 21-7-9, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide an individual with a disability with the full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, and privileges in every public accommodation; (2) require a public accommodation to modify its policies, practices, and procedures to permit the use of a service animal by an individual with a disability; (3) provide that an individual with a disability has the right to be accompanied by a service animal in all areas of a public accommodation; (4) require a service animal to be under the control of its handler and have a harness, collar, lease, or other tether, with exceptions; (5) provide the trainer of a service animal with the same rights as an individual with a disability; (6) authorize a public accommodation to ask for certain information to ascertain whether an animal is a service animal or a pet; (7) authorize a public accommodation to remove an animal, including a service animal, from its premises if the animal is out of control and the handler does not take control of the animal, the animal is not housebroken, or the animal poses a direct threat to the health and safety of others; (8) provide criminal penalties to a person who knowingly misrepresents himself or herself as using a service animal and as being qualified to use a service animal or as a trainer of a service animal; and (9) prohibit a housing accommodation for rent or lease to discriminate against an individual with a disability and that individual's service animal, if any.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-480, SB11**, amends Section 6-2-8, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that the statute of limitations for an action for an injury is increased to six years, when the injury upon which the action is based arises from a sex offense; and (2) provide that if the person is below

the age of 19 years or insane at the time of the injury, the statute of limitations is tolled until the termination of the disability.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-481, SB26**, creates the crime of voyeurism and provides criminal penalties for the commission of the crime.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-482, SB242**, amends Sections 34-14A-1, 34-14A-2, 34-14A-3, and 34-14A-12, Code of Alabama 1975, and adds Section 34-14A-20 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) create the Alabama Construction Trade Academy Fund in the State Treasury; (2) authorize the Home Builders Licensure Board to apply for funds from federal grant programs for the fund; (3) establish the Alabama Construction Trade Advisory Council to advise the board; (4) authorize the board to disburse monies in the fund for eligible projects that train student and adult learners in construction trade education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-483, SB302**, amends Section 37-2A-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to direct any state agency administering a Lifeline qualifying public assistance program to make access to its data files of program participants available to the Universal Service Administrative Company, the National Eligibility Verifier, and the national Lifeline eligibility database to perform Lifeline and Tribal Link-Up eligibility, enrollment, and other necessary administrative functions, as required by the Federal Communications Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-484, SB63**, amends Section 41-9-291, Code of Alabama 1975, to amend the definition of cultural resources to exclude all abandoned shipwrecks or remains of those ships and all underwater archaeological treasures, artifacts, and treasure troves that are eligible for, or listed in, the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-485, SB92**, amends Section 14-3-58, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that when a probationer or parolee escapes from the custody of the Department of Corrections or agency having custody of the person, and the person has a prior conviction for a Class A felony or a crime in which the victim was less than 12 years of age, or the person is serving a life sentence, the department or agency, as appropriate, is required to notify the Governor, certain law enforcement agencies, and certain electronic media outlets of the escape.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-486, SB102**, exempts agricultural work dogs and hunting dogs from local leash and restraint laws when the dogs are hunting wild game or engaged in agricultural work.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-487, SB171**, amends Section 40-26-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that charges made for the rental of a ballroom, dining room, club room, sample room, conference room, wedding chapel, or similar room or space that is not intended nor suitable for overnight sleeping purposes is not subject to the state lodging tax and sales and use tax.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-488, SB141**, amends Section 40-23-5, Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt the Alabama Wildlife Center from state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes until September 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-489, SB76**, requires the personal representative filing to initiate a proceeding under the Alabama Small Estates Act to give notice of his or her appointment to the Alabama Medicaid Agency and provides requirements for the contents of the notice. The act also: (1) prohibits certain debts against the estate of the decedent from being paid until the notice has been filed in the probate court and 30 days have passed since the agency received the notice; (2) authorizes the agency to petition to open the probate estate of a Medicaid recipient by filing a petition to appoint a third party administrator and issue letters of administration; and (3) authorizes the agency to file a claim against the estate of the Medicaid recipient for the amount of any medical assistance payments made on behalf of the recipient, with exceptions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-490, SB373**, amends Section 29-2-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the membership of the Permanent Joint Transportation Committee from 24 members to 26 members; (2) provide for two at-large members of the committee, one of whom shall be a Senator and one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives; and (3) require those at-large members to be members of the minority party.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-491, SB396**, amends Sections 41-9-1021, 41-9-1023, 41-9-1024, 41-9-1027, 41-9-1028, 41-9-1030, 41-9-1031, 41-9-1032, 41-9-1033, 41-9-1034, 41-9-1035, 41-9-1036, 41-9-1037, and 41-9-1038, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide for the regulation of professional bare knuckle boxing by the Alabama Athletic Commission in the same manner as boxing and mixed martial arts; (2) provide that drug tests are required to be conducted in accordance with the most recent list of prohibited substances and methods outlined by the World Anti-Doping Agency; and (3) provide that a violation of the drug testing policy is punishable by a suspension of licensure and a civil fine of up to \$25,000, together with a percentage of the purse not to exceed 15 percent, for each violation

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-492, HB46**, adds Section 28-3A-20.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975, and amends Section 28-3A-25, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize on-premises retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to produce, store, and sell alcohol-infused food products for on-site consumption.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-493, HB58**, amends Sections 22-18-4 and 22-18-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the State Board of Health to establish licensure fees for emergency medical services personnel (EMSP); (2) revise course requirements for ground ambulance drivers; (3) authorize the board to conduct fingerprint-based state and national criminal background checks through the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency for applicants for initial EMSP licensure; and (4) provide criminal penalties for the unauthorized release or disclosure of the criminal background check records received by the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-495, HB556**, amends Sections 41-9-590, 41-9-591, 41-9-592, 41-9-593, 41-9-594, 41-9-595, 41-9-596, 41-9-598, 41-9-601, 41-9-621, 41-9-623, 41-9-625, 41-9-627, 41-9-628, 41-9-630, 41-9-631, 41-9-632, 41-9-633, 41-9-634, 41-9-635, 41-9-637, 41-9-643, 41-9-645, 41-9-646, and 41-9-649, Code of Alabama 1975, to clarify the operation, powers, and duties of the Alabama Justice Information Commission. The act also adds Sections 41-9-650, 41-9-651, and 41-9-652 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency to execute and implement the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact; and (2) authorize any agency, board, or commission in the state that issues a permit or license to require a criminal background check through ALEA as part of its licensing or permitting requirements. The act also repeals Sections 41-9-597, 41-9-599, 41-9-622, 41-9-629, and 41-9-648 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 8, 2019.

**Act 2019-496, SB47**, authorizes the operation of autonomous commercial vehicles or a commercial vehicle equipped with a teleoperation system. The act also: (1) provides that the Department of Transportation is the exclusive state agency with jurisdiction over automated driving systems, autonomous vehicles, and teleoperation systems; and (2) prohibits a political subdivision of the state from imposing additional requirements, including a tax or performance standard, related to the operation of an automated driving system, autonomous commercial vehicle, or teleoperation system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-497, SB198**, provides a procedure for the filling of a vacancy in the position of Administrative Director of Courts and provides that the vacancy shall be filled by the Supreme Court of Alabama. The act also: (1) creates the Administrative Director of Courts Nominating Commission to nominate to the Supreme Court candidates to fill any vacancy in the office of Administrative Director of Courts; and (2) provides for the term of office of the Administrative Director of Courts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent upon ratification of Senate Bill 216 of the 2019 Regular Session, which proposed an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the Supreme Court of Alabama to appoint the Administrative Director of Courts.

**Act 2019-498, SB204**, amends Sections 41-22-2, 41-22-3, 41-22-5, 41-22-5.1, 41-22-5.2, 41-22-6, 41-22-7, 41-22-8, 41-22-22, 41-22-22.1, 41-22-23, and 41-22-27, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) specify when an agency is required to prepare a business impact analysis; (2) require filing of the business impact analysis with the Legislative Services Agency, Legal Division; (3) specify that failure to file as required invalidates the action; (4) provide that a rule may not become effective until at least 45 days after notice is published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly that the certified rule was filed with the Legislative Services Agency; and (5) change the name of the Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rule Review and establish what is a quorum for purposes of conducting business.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-499, SB330**, is the Alabama Alzheimer's and Dementia Education, Care, and Training Act. The act authorizes the Department of Public Health to develop educational programs concerning Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or related diseases, and to offer those programs to individuals with those diseases, their families, and the general public. The act also repeals Sections 22-50-70, 22-50-71, 22-50-72, 22-50-73, and 22-50-74, Code of Alabama 1975, in order to remove the responsibility and authority of providing such educational programs from the Department of Mental Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-500, SB425**, is the MAT Act of 2019. The act: (1) provides that, for all patients receiving medication assisted treatment, adequate billing records shall be maintained for all patient visits and provides requirements for those billing records; (2) requires the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, not later than January 1, 2020, in consultation with the Public Health Officer of the Department of Public Health and the Alabama Department of Mental Health, to adopt rules for the prescribing of medications containing buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use in non-residential settings; and (3) requires those rules to be reviewed and updated each year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-501, SB347**, amends Sections 23-2-167, 23-2-168, 23-2-169, 23-2-172, 23-2-173, and 23-2-175, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) further provide for the process of issuing notice to pay a toll; (2) authorize the Department of Transportation to apply a vehicle registration hold on the registration of a vehicle whose owner has failed to pay the required tolls and administrative fees associated with the collection of the toll; and (3) authorize the Department of Transportation and the Alabama Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states regarding toll enforcement and vehicle registration non-renewal provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024.

**Act 2019-502, SB225**, amends Sections 2-8-381, 2-8-383, 20-2-2, and 20-2-23, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require the Department of Agriculture and Industries, in consultation with the Governor and Attorney General, to develop a plan for monitoring and regulating the production of hemp and to submit the plan to the federal Secretary of Agriculture; and (2)

exclude from Schedule I controlled substances classified as tetrahydrocannabinols (THCs) derived from hemp.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-503, SB317**, amends Sections 41-9-541, 41-9-542, 41-9-544, and 41-9-545, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) replace the Director of the Technical Staff of the Alabama Building Commission on the Governor's Mansion Authority with the Director of the Division of Construction Management of the Department of Finance; (2) substitute the Governor for the Governor's spouse in the authority, but allows the Governor to appoint his or her spouse in his or her stead; (3) require the Governor to appoint two additional members to the authority; (4) create an executive committee of the authority; (5) authorize the authority to expend funds for the same purposes as allowed for the Mansion Fund as appropriate under law; and (6) authorize the expenditure of funds from the Governor's Mansion Preservation Fund for the same purposes as allowed for the Mansion Fund as appropriate under law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-504, SB5**, amends Section 8-26B-14, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that registered athlete agents may, prior to the signing of an agency contract by a student athlete, pay expenses of a student athlete, a family member of the student athlete, and an individual authorized to receive such payment by the national association that certified the agent, if the expenses are: (1) for the benefit of an athlete who is a member of a class of athletes authorized to receive the benefit by the national association; (2) of a type authorized to be paid by a certified agent by the national association; (3) for a purpose authorized by the national association; and (4) allowed by the interscholastic association that determines eligibility for the athlete.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019

**Act 2019-505, SB191**, is the Alabama Forfeiture Information Reporting Act. The act: (1) requires state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies to report all property seized in connection with a criminal event to the uniform crime reporting system operated by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency on behalf of the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center Commission (ACJICC); (2) requires the commission to establish rules for the reporting of the seized property; (3) requires revenue derived from seized property to be kept on its own line item within the budget of the agency receiving the revenue; (4) requires accounts containing revenue from seized assets to be audited as other public funds are audited; and (5) requires ACJICC to make an annual report regarding seized assets and resulting revenues to the House Speaker, the Senate President Pro Tempore, and the Governor .

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1 and 2, requiring the report of seizures, are effective June 10, 2019, and the remaining sections are effective October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-506, SB295**, is the Alabama Industry Recognized and Registered Apprenticeship Program Act. The act: (1) establishes the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship to certify certain registered and industry recognized apprenticeship programs; (2) creates the Alabama Registered and Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Program; (3) provides incentives to employers who hire

apprentices; and (4) offers a national recognized state apprenticeship credential. The act also amends Sections 40-18-422, 40-18-423, and 40-18-424, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the per capita apprenticeship tax credit from \$1,000 to \$1,250; (2) increase the aggregate apprenticeship tax credit from \$3,000,000 to \$7,500,000; (3) provide a \$500 per capita incentive tax credit for hiring in school youth apprentices; (4) extend the apprenticeship tax credit through 2025; and (5) clarify that the State Department of Education shall continue to be the eligible agency to receive and administer career and technical education funding under the Perkins Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-507, SB301**, amends Sections 17-9-30, 17-10-1, 17-10-2, 17-11-3, 17-11-4, 17-11-5, 17-11-7, 17-11-18, and 17-11-19, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) require an applicant for an absentee ballot to include photo identification with the application; (2) provide additional situations under which a registered voter may vote by absentee ballot or emergency absentee ballot; (3) delete a requirement that an absentee election manager post a list of all absentee ballot applications received in a public place prior to an election; (4) require unused absentee ballot materials to be sent to the appropriate sheriff instead of the Secretary of State; and (5) make conforming changes; and to repeal Section 17-9-51, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to time requirements for receipt of absentee ballots.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-508, SB14**, (1) allows public schools to offer elective courses focusing on the study of the Bible and religious history in grades six to 12; (2) allows public schools to display artifacts, monuments, symbols, and texts related to the study of the Bible and religious history if displaying these items is appropriate to the overall educational purpose of the course; and (3) requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules and policies to implement the requirement of the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-509, SB278**, amends Section 41-29-240, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) remove responsibility for appointing members of the Alabama Small Business Commission from the Governor; (2) require the Lieutenant Governor to appoint the members previously required to be appointed by the Governor; and (3) require all appointing authorities to coordinate appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-510, SB398**, requires the Governor to appoint each minority member of the Alabama Commission on Elementary and Secondary Education from a list of three nominees selected by the minority caucuses representing major political parties in the Legislature as follows: (1) one from a list provided by the House minority caucus; (2) one from a list provided by the Senate minority caucus; and (3) one from a list provided jointly by the minority caucuses of both houses of the Legislature. If the Governor rejects all the submitted nominees, the process must start anew until all minority member slots on the commission are filled.



EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019, contingent on ratification of a constitutional amendment proposed during the 2019 Regular Session, renaming the State Board of Education as the Alabama Commission on Elementary and Secondary Education and providing for the appointment of the members of the commission.

**Act 2019-511, SB236**, establishes the Medical Cannabis Study Commission. The act: (1) requires the commission to hold at least three public hearings to hear from patients, families, physicians, and other health care providers regarding the implementation of medical cannabis use in the state, and from members of the public who have related concerns; (2) requires the commission to conduct research of state and federal law and regulations relating to the medical use of cannabis; and (3) requires the commission to make recommendations regarding the medical use of cannabis to the Legislature. The act also amends Section 13A-12-214.2, Code of Alabama 1975, known as Carly's Law, to extend its application until July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-512, HB48**, is Jessi's Law. The act amends Sections 12-15-312 and 12-15-319, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that the reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify a family required prior to the placement of a child in foster care, to prevent or eliminate the need to remove a child from the child's home, and to make it possible for a child to return safely to the child's home are not required in a case where a parent has been convicted for the crime of rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, or incest; and (2) require a juvenile court to find that a parent is unable to properly care for a child and to discharge his or her responsibilities to and for the child in any case where the parent has received a conviction for the crime of rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, or incest, and to terminate the parental rights of the parent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-513, HB57**, (1) adds Section 13A-8-2.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to: (a.) create the crime of aggravated theft by deception, which occurs if: (1.) a person commits a theft of foreign or domestic funds, cash, or cash equivalent by deception in an amount exceeding \$200,000; or (2.) a person commits theft of public funds or revenue of any governmental or political subdivision by deception in an amount exceeding \$100,000; (b.) create the crimes of attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit aggravated theft by deception; and (2) classifies these crimes as either a Class A or Class B felony for purposes of Section 15-18-8, Code of Alabama 1975. The act also amends Sections 15-22-33, 15-22-54, and 17-3-30.1 to impose additional sanctions in cases where a parolee or probationer has been convicted of any of these crimes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-514, HB59**, is the William Buechner Act. The act amends Sections 13A-5-40 and 13A-5-49, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that murder of a first responder is a capital offense if committed while the first responder is operating in an official capacity; and (2) add to the list of aggravating circumstances to be considered in sentencing for a capital offense

circumstances where the victim was a law enforcement officer, a prison or jail guard, or a first responder, and where the victim was operating in his or her official capacity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-515, HB212**, is the Anti-Road Rage Act. The act amends Section 32-5A-80, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that a vehicle may not travel in the left lane of an interstate highway for more than 1.5 consecutive miles unless the vehicle completely passes at least one other vehicle, unless doing so is necessary due to: traffic conditions; inclement weather, obstructions, or hazards; compliance with a law, rule, ordinance or traffic control device; exiting a roadway to the left; paying a toll or user fee at a toll collection facility; operation of an authorized emergency vehicle in the course of duty; or operation of a vehicle in the course of highway maintenance or construction or through a construction zone; and (2) provide that law enforcement may issue only a warning citation for a violation for 60 days following the effective date of the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-516, HB237**, amends Section 13A-6-67, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that sex abuse in the second degree, normally a Class A misdemeanor, is instead a Class C felony if there is at least a 15-year age difference between the victim and the defendant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-517, HB537**, creates the Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services. The act: (1) provides that the employees and staff of the Alabama Support Team for Evidence-based Practices of the Fiscal Division of the Alabama Legislative Services Agency (ASTEP) shall become the employees and staff of the commission upon the effective date of the act, and that an employee selected by the commission shall become the director of the commission; (2) requires all ASTEP property, funds, and personnel to be transferred to the commission on or before September 1, 2021; (3) requires the commission to establish office space outside of the State Capitol building and the Alabama State House upon the transfer; (4) requires the commission to be funded from the annual appropriation to the Legislative Services Agency unless funded from other state appropriations; (5) requires state agencies receiving direct appropriations from either the State General Fund or Education Trust Fund to provide to the commission information that the commission determines to be necessary to perform its duties; (6) requires departments, agencies, institutions, establishments, or regulatory agencies or commissions to provide to the commission data upon request by an employee of the commission; and (7) allows the commission to apply for and receive grant funds, and to take application for and award grants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Sections 1 and 2, creating the commission, are effective as of June 10, 2019. Sections 3 to 6 are effective October 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-519, HB225**, is the Clarke-Figures Equal Pay Act. The act: (1) prohibits an employer from paying an employee at a wage rate less than those paid to employees of another sex or race for equal work unless the pay differential is due to: a seniority system; a merit system; a system that measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; or a differential based on any factor

other than sex or race; and (2) prohibits an employer from refusing to interview, hire, promote, or employ an applicant for employment, or to retaliate against such an applicant, because the applicant refuses to provide wage history.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-520, HB290**, amends Section 32-5A-58.2, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the fine associated with a violation of the Alabama Move Over Act as follows: (1) \$100 for a first violation; (2) \$150 for a second violation; and (3) \$200 for a third or subsequent violation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-521, HB375**, amends Section 13A-8-18, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that receiving a stolen firearm, rifle, or shotgun, regardless of its value, constitutes the crime of receiving stolen property in the second degree.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-522, HB379**, provides that an individual who has been convicted of a sex offense involving a child under 13 years of age may not be granted parole unless he or she agrees to undergo chemical castration treatment, defined as the receiving of medication, including, but not limited to, medroxyprogesterone acetate, that reduces, inhibits, or blocks the production or testosterone, hormones, or other chemicals in the person's body. The act also: (1) requires the parolee to pay for all costs associated with the treatment unless the parolee is found to be indigent; (2) specifies that the parolee may not be forced to receive the treatment, but that choosing to stop receiving the treatment is a parole violation; and (3) provides that a parolee who intentionally stops receiving the treatment required under the act is guilty of a Class C felony.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-523, HB388**, is the Alabama Literacy Act. The act requires the State Superintendent of Education to convene a taskforce to recommend steps to improve the reading proficiency of public school kindergarten to third grade students and ensure that those students are able to read at or above grade level by the end of the third grade by monitoring the progression of each student from one grade to another, in part, by his or her proficiency in reading.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-524, HB462**, authorizes a local board of education to use any available facility for career technical classes upon a finding by the board that the available facility is better suited for career technical classroom instruction than the facilities currently being used.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-525, HB464**, amends Section 13A-11-75.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to establish a limitation on crimes for which a charge or conviction of a retired military veteran may lead to the provocation of a pistol permit, to include only felonies involving moral turpitude or domestic violence in the first or second degree.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-526, HB566**, provides that a public school district may allow its schools to donate surplus, non-expired food to a charitable organization for the purpose of redistributing the food to needy students participating in the federal school nutrition programs for consumption at the school or off school grounds.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-527, HB570**, provides that: (1) an individual who completes an apprenticeship may be granted an occupational license in that trade if the individual also meets other requirements, including completion of any required examination with a passing score; and (2) a licensing authority that requires an examination for a license may not impose higher testing standards upon that individual than it does for any other applicant. The act also amends Sections 25-8-33, 25-8-35, and 25-8-43, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow children aged 14 or 15 years to work either as an apprentice or under the supervision of the Alabama Department of Education, as approved by the Alabama Department of Labor.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-528, HB582**, authorizes a municipality to develop and implement an electronic process for the processing and recordation of business license renewals by business and nonprofit entities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-529, HB259**, amends Section 36-25-15, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the time during which a candidate must file a statement of economic interests with the State Ethics Commission from when the candidate qualifies for the office to not more than five days after the candidate qualified to run for the office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-530, HB500**, amends Sections 13A-7-29, 23-5-6, 32-5-76, 32-5A-60, and 33-6-10, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide enhanced criminal penalties for certain types of criminal littering, including the littering of cigarettes, cigars, containers of urine, and restaurant food containers; and (2) include with the enhanced criminal penalties increased fines and mandatory community service requirements when the littering is committed from a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-532, HB209**, amends Section 16-1-44.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) authorize local boards of education to employ retired federal, state, and local law enforcement officers with at least 20 years of law enforcement experience as school resource officers or school security personnel; and (2) authorize those officers to carry a firearm while on duty if the officer annually completes and passes the firearm requalification required of law enforcement officers by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission and the officer is trained in the use of a non-lethal weapon and carries that weapon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2019.

**Act 2019-533, HB385**, amends Sections 16-1-44 and 36-9-10, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) redesignate school safety plans as school emergency operations plans; (2) redesignate code red school safety plans and code red drills as school lockdown safety plans and school lockdown drills; and (3) require each school lockdown safety plan to include additional four-tiered specific plans of action for school personnel to follow in case of an alert.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-537, HB76**, amends Sections 20-2-58 and 20-2-71, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) provide that a practitioner or pharmacist may not knowingly prescribe, administer, or dispense a controlled substance enumerated in Schedules II through V except for a legitimate medical purpose pursuant to a prescription by a practitioner acting in the usual course of his or her professional practice; and (2) provide that a practitioner or pharmacist who unlawfully prescribes, administers, or dispenses such a controlled substance is guilty of a Class B felony.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-538, HB180**, relating to crime victims' compensation, repeals Division 2 (commencing with Section 41-9-80) of, and adds Division 2A (commencing with Section 41-9-80.1 to, Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) create Lisa's Law; (2) provide for a procedure of collecting certain funds and property paid to or intended to be paid to an individual convicted of certain crimes; (3) provide notice requirements to the payor of the funds or property; and (4) authorize certain crime victims or the Securities Commission, on behalf of the crime victims, to apply for civil compensation and other civil remedies arising from the commission of the crime.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 10, 2019.

**Act 2019-539, HB529**, amends Sections 12-11-1 and 12-12-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to: (1) increase the amount of time a person must have been licensed to practice law in order to qualify to be elected to or appointed to a circuit court judgeship from five years to seven years; (2) increase the amount of time a person must have been licensed to practice law in order to qualify to be elected to or appointed to a district court judgeship from three years to four years; and (3) provide that individuals who have been suspended or disbarred from the practice of law within the 10 preceding years may not be elected to or appointed to a circuit court judgeship or a district court judgeship.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020.