

2015 AFA Legislative/Regulatory Agenda

1. Fiscal Responsibility

- a. Constitutional Amendment — one-time revenue to state in excess of \$5 million must go to the Alabama Trust Fund and not be used for operational expenses.
- b. Constitutional Amendment — ETF Rolling Reserve Act
- c. Legislative Resolution opposing Medicaid expansion
- d. Budget transparency — readily accessible publicly available detailed information clearly showing revenue and expenses for entire state expenditures on a monthly basis.

2. Education

- a. Teacher Excellence Fund —
 - \$10,000 one-time bonus to 1,000 teachers (\$10 million)
 - Funded only through “growth” in the ETF
 - Local Superintendents forward recommendations to State Superintendent
 - Rural teachers must compose 50 % of the awards
- b. School choice
- c. Tenure reform

3. State Government Reform

- a. Protect the mission and funding for fire protection
- b. Promote consolidation
- c. Promote reducing the size of state government

4. Timber Industry

- a. Attorney General Budget Line Item to challenge U.S. Fish & Wildlife threatened and endangered species listings.
 - Outsource to specialist lawyers
- b. Prohibit targeting of log trucks for weight enforcement
- c. “Green Light” log truck license tag/decal
 - Promote onboard scales to reduce overweight loads
 - Allows log trucks to reduce wait time at inspection stops
- d. Prohibit discrimination of Alabama wood resources in public buildings
- e. Improve technical education opportunities



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