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ACCS by the numbers . . .

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- ▶ **Budget Request for the Alabama Community College System: Requests Education Trust Fund dollars of \$423.0 million for System operations, \$58.2 million for capital needs and \$10.7 million for deferred maintenance.**
- ▶ **Separation from Alabama Fire College: Removes oversight by the Department of Postsecondary Education and the State Board of Education.**
- ▶ **Confidentiality of Information: Provides for the confidentiality of employees' criminal history background information.**
- ▶ **A&M-ASU Transfer Scholarship Program: Attempts to comply with the Knight-Sims settlement in order to provide scholarships to two-year college students transferring to Alabama State University and Alabama A&M University.**
- ▶ **Amendment of the Fair Dismissal Act: Amends the Fair Dismissal Act to improve the hearing and appeal process, limit applicability of tenure to certain professional staff and clarify compensation issue during hearings or appeals by employees.**

Academics

- Community-based system with 21 community colleges, 4 technical colleges, a military institute, an upper level university, the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute, and the Alabama Technology Network
- 25 campuses, 90 instructional sites, and mobile training units
- 98,000 for-credit students enrolled fall 2009-10 – 10,500 more than previous fall
- More than half of all underclassmen attend one of our two-year colleges
- 15,000 of our graduates transfer each year to a public 4-year institution and they are as successful as the students who started there
- 13,000 individuals and 395 organizations served by our continuing education programs last year
- 10,000 high-school students dually enrolled in our programs last year
- 172 career technical programs including high-demand, high-wage, high-skill programs
- Last year our colleges awarded career-tech students 1,810 short-term certificates, 1,065 long-term certificates, 2,099 associate degrees
- 18,000 institutional scholarships awarded last year; 1/3 are need-based

Adult Education

- Adult education program ranked in the top five nationally on seven critical measure by U.S. Department of Education
- Some 24,000 adult education clients (17% increase)
- 4,000 earned GED (17% increase)
- 1,721 adult ed students entered postsecondary education or training (31% increase)

Workforce Development

- Statewide organizations responsive to local business & industry, including: Alabama Industrial Development & Training Institute, Alabama Technology Network, Governor's Office of Workforce Development, State Workforce Planning Council
- 4,000 workforce training recipients
- 64,000 individuals and 441 companies served last year with short-term, noncredit training, customized training, continuing education certifications and WorkKeys profiles and assessments
- Funded 2,300 high-school students in career-tech, dual-enrollment programs with workforce dollars
- Awarded 8,300 Career Readiness Certificates
- Awarded \$11 million for 90 workforce development projects proposed by the Regional Workforce Planning Councils