MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 8, 2024

Alabama Senate
Alabama State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a message from the Governor returning Senate Bill 157 without the Governor's signature and with a proposed executive amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. PARKER, JR.,
General Counsel.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received Senate Bill 157, the Teacher's Bill of Rights, and believe that it should be amended. As enrolled and presented to me, Senate Bill 157 would among other things require the Educators' Liability Trust Fund to reimburse education employees' reasonable legal expenses if the employee successfully defends himself or herself in court against certain job-related legal claims. I believe that this reimbursement should be on terms and conditions established by the Department of Finance.

For this reason, and at the request of the bill sponsor, I am returning Senate Bill 157 to you, the body in which it originated, without my signature and with the below executive amendment.

EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 157

Please amend Senate Bill 157 as follows:
Replace lines 165-166 on page 6 with the following:

reimbursement of reasonable expenses for his or her legal services under terms and conditions established by the Department of Finance consistent with this act.

Adoption of the above-proposed executive amendment will remove my objection to this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

KAY IVEY,
Governor.