

# 2021

## ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### WHAT ARE THE MAIN ISSUES?

**BUDGETS:** The **General Fund** and **Education Trust Fund** budgets are the only legislation required by the Alabama Constitution to be passed during the legislative session, so they will be a top priority out of the gate.



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM:

Without swift action to make Alabama prisons comply with the Eighth Amendment, the state risks losing a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Justice which would lead to a federal takeover of the prison system.



**RURAL BROADBAND:** The pandemic has put a spotlight on the gaps in connectivity across rural Alabama at a time when equitable access to reliable internet is more important than ever before.

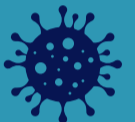
**LOTTERY:** Will the findings of Governor Ivey's Study Group for Gambling Policy make 2021 the year Alabamians no longer have to travel to border states to gamble? Stay tuned.



**MEDICAL CANNABIS:** After legislation to legalize passed in the Senate and died in the House last year, Alabama is one of four U.S. states that could legalize medical cannabis this year.



**COVID-19 RELIEF:** As the pandemic continues to sweep the state, CARES Act funding allocation and measures such as state tax exemptions for federal relief funds will be high on the agenda.



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Incentives that have a major impact on Alabama's economy are ripe for renewal after being tided over by Gov. Ivey's emergency proclamation extending the horizon on their expiration.



### WHO ARE THE KEY PLAYERS?



**GOVERNOR**  
Kay Ivey (R)



**LT. GOVERNOR**  
Will Ainsworth (R)



**PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE**  
Greg Reed (R)



**SENATE MAJORITY LEADER**  
Clay Scofield (R)



**SENATE MINORITY LEADER**  
Bobby Singleton (D)



**SENATE RULES CHAIR**  
Jabo Waggoner (R)



**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**  
Mac McCutcheon (R)



**HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER**  
Nathaniel Ledbetter (R)



**HOUSE MINORITY LEADER**  
Anthony Daniels (D)



**HOUSE RULES CHAIR**  
Mike Jones (R)