



MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Agencies (*Delivered via Email*)

FROM: House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter and Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger

DATE: February 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Ensuring cooperation with the Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services

The Alabama Legislature, under the leadership of House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter and Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, remains committed to commonsense governance and responsible budgeting.

Since Republicans assumed control of the House and Senate in 2010, Alabama's fiscal outlook has improved significantly. Our state no longer spends beyond its means, proration has been eliminated since the passage of the Rolling Reserve Act in 2011, debts have been repaid, and reserve accounts have been replenished.

We are dedicated to operating a government that is accountable to the people, and that commitment will continue under our leadership.

In 2019, the Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services (ACES) was established through *Act 2019-517* to work alongside state agencies and policymakers in assessing government programs. ACES provides recommendations for improvement or, when necessary, elimination of ineffective programs. The Legislature has acted on many of these recommendations and will continue to do so.

To ensure that ACES can effectively support policymakers and help us make informed decisions in the best interest of the people of Alabama, it is essential that state agencies provide any requested information in a timely manner.

Moving forward, any agency that refuses to share information relevant to government expenditures for an ACES study or program evaluation will be reported to legislative leadership, including the budget chairs of both chambers.

Additionally, we ask that each agency identify one employee to serve as a dedicated point of contact for the commission.

Government functions best when its leaders uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. We appreciate your commitment to upholding these principles.

Sincerely,

House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter

Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger