

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 09

**WHEREAS**, the people of Alabama are entitled to effective management of their tax dollars in a manner that promotes fairness, efficiency, and quality service; and

**WHEREAS**, many Alabamians have been led to believe that earmarking or dedication by law of tax revenues is essential to ensuring that public monies are spent properly; and

**WHEREAS**, such earmarking of revenue restricts flexibility in the processes of appropriations and fiscal management of state monies; and

**WHEREAS**, such earmarking increases the risk of proration in any given fiscal year due to an inability to appropriate collected revenues based on need; and

**WHEREAS**, such earmarking has been targeted by the Governor's Constitution Commission as a source of the inefficiency in state government; and

**WHEREAS**, our state earmarks a greater percentage of revenues than any other state in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation proposing a constitutional amendment offered in the First Special Session of 2003 of the Alabama Legislature seeks to create a new fund to be known as the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, such fund shall operate without statutory earmarking of tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for an independent oversight board of the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund to ensure the people of Alabama that their tax dollars are being properly appropriated.

**NOW THEREFORE**, based upon those considerations, and for other good and valid reasons which relate thereto, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, do hereby create the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fiscal Oversight Task Force.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Task Force shall consist of eleven members, one from each of the seven congressional districts and four chosen at large from within the state, with the members to be appointed and a chairperson to be selected by the Governor.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Task Force shall be charged with meeting monthly to monitor the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund and the agencies and entities receiving appropriations from such fund to ensure proper use and efficient management of the monies of the Fund. The Task Force shall provide a report to the Governor on the management of the fund at the end of the 2003-04 fiscal year and at the conclusion of each successive fiscal year.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that in the event that the Task Force suspects misuse of state monies from the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund, the Task Force shall make recommendations to the Governor concerning the hiring of independent auditors to investigate such potential misuse of funds. The Governor shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility to select, evaluate, and where appropriate, replace the auditors.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED**, that this Executive Order shall become effective immediately upon its execution and shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 12th day of June, 2003.



*Bob Riley*  
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Bob Riley  
Governor

Attested:

*Nancy L. Worley*  
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Secretary of State