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State's pre-K program applauded

A report by Pre-K Now in Washington recognizes Alabama's program, noting that it is one of 23 nationally to receive a funding increase.

Alabama's pre-K budget is 68 percent larger than last year, the largest increase in the nation.

"Despite these difficult economic times, we applaud our state lawmakers and Governor (Bob) Riley for acting wisely to increase the investments in high-quality, voluntary pre-kindergarten programs in the face of declining revenues and rising deficits," said Linda Tilly, executive director of VOICES for Alabama's Children.

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