HB154

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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a political action committee may make a contribution to another political action committee.

This bill would prohibit transfers between political action committees.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to campaign contributions, to prohibit transfers between political action committees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-5-15, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-5-15.

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to make a contribution in the name of another person, or knowingly permit his or her name to be used to effect such a
contribution made by one person in the name of another person, 
or for any candidate, principal campaign committee, or 
political action committee to knowingly accept a contribution 
made by one person in the name of another person; provided, 
however, that nothing in this chapter would prohibit any 
person from soliciting and receiving contributions from other 
persons for the purpose of making expenditures to a candidate, 
political campaign committee, political action committee, or 
elected state or local official required to file reports 
pursuant to Section 17-5-8.

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any political action 
committee to make a contribution to any other political action 
committee, other than a principal campaign committee."

Section 2. This act shall become effective 
immediately following its passage and approval by the 
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.