

## **Governor Ivey's Policy Office**

Governor Ivey's Policy Office is responsible for researching and developing policies that affect, or could affect, the state of Alabama. The office focuses on developing solutions to emerging and recurring issues, which can include trying to avoid mistakes made elsewhere. Developing policy requires researching local and national trends. Then after doing research on a policy idea, the office often works on how it could be put into effect.

The office also reviews and evaluates, for the governor, hundreds of proposed laws filed by legislators in a legislative session. Policy advisors sometimes help draft legislation or amendments to legislation.

The Policy Office internship program seeks talented students to work with the policy team to research and develop policies that could improve the lives of Alabamians.

## Our interns are asked to:

- Review existing policies
- Research other states' policies (and sometimes those of other nations)
- Collect and analyze data
- Call organizations to gather information
- Assess benefits and drawbacks of a possible policy
- Anticipate critiques of pursing a policy
- Write white papers on issues and proposals
- Work cooperatively with others