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Demonstrations occur around Alabama in support of mental health programs

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Hundreds protested on Monday in downtown Birmingham and other locations around the state, as many fear they could soon lose state services if proposed budget cuts go through.

The rally in Birmingham was held at Kelly Ingram Park on Monday morning, bringing together hundreds in protest, according to [a report from NBC 13](#).

Gov. [Robert Bentley](#) on Monday also outlined possible cuts, saying more than 1,000 jobs statewide could be eliminated if the proposed budget cuts happen.

The demonstration brought together groups including the Arcs of Central Alabama, Glenwood and United Cerebral Palsy of Birmingham.

The report said as many as 24,000 mental health patients could be affected by proposed cuts to the state budget.

Protests also occurred in Calhoun County, with more than 100 people gathered at the Oxford Civic Center in support of the same cause.

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