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FIRST IN PLAYBOOK — State of play in Alabama: A poll of likely voters for Alabama's Republican Senate primary next May shows state AG Steve Marshall leading a crowded race. In the inaugural survey from Alabama Poll, Marshall takes 37 percent of the vote, followed by Rep. Barry Moore (R-Ala.) with 16 percent, Jared Hudson at 7 percent and Rodney Walker at 1 percent. But 40 percent of voters are still undecided. The poll was conducted among 600 likely GOP primary voters in Alabama from Aug. 24-26. See the full poll