

1 HB240  
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3 By Representative Ford  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each municipal  
9 corporation in Alabama may divide territory within  
10 its limits into business, industrial, and  
11 residential zones or districts and may provide the  
12 kind of use of structures within the zone or  
13 district.

14 Under existing law, admission to public  
15 education is free to all eligible children and  
16 youth enrolled in local school systems in which  
17 they reside.

18 This bill would require group homes for  
19 children to be pre-approved by the county  
20 commission or city council before they may locate  
21 within a county in Alabama.

22 This bill would allow school systems where  
23 group homes for children are located to charge  
24 another school system for a nonresident's tuition.

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26 A BILL  
27 TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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3 Relating to group homes for children; to require  
4 pre-approval by the county commission or the city council for  
5 the establishment of a group home for children; and to  
6 authorize a local school system where a group home is located  
7 to be reimbursed for education expenses of a nonresident  
8 student.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. A group home for children shall receive  
11 approval by the county commission or by the city council, when  
12 located within a municipality, prior to its establishment  
13 within a county or municipality in Alabama.

14 Section 2. A local school system where a group home  
15 is located is authorized to charge a nonresident student's  
16 school system for payment of tuition and fees.

17 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 shall apply  
18 to group homes established after the effective date of this  
19 act.

20 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the  
21 first day of the third month following its passage and  
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.