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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require each local board of education and charter school to adopt and implement an intradistrict enrollment policy and an interdistrict enrollment policy providing for open enrollment throughout the state.

This bill would also require each enrollment policy, and any amendments, to be posted on the website of the local board of education or charter school and be reported to the State Department of Education.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to require each local board of education and public charter school to create and adopt an intradistrict enrollment policy and an interdistrict enrollment policy addressing open enrollment; and to require the policies, and any amendments, to be posted on the website of the local education agency or public charter school and reported to the State Department of Education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following



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29 terms shall have the following meanings:

30 (1) CHARTER SCHOOL. A public charter school as defined  
31 in Section 16-6F-4, Code of Alabama 1975.

32 (2) INTERDISTRICT ENROLLMENT POLICY. A policy that  
33 allows students to select and attend another school outside of  
34 their resident district.

35 (3) INTRADISTRICT ENROLLMENT POLICY. A policy that  
36 allows students to select and attend another school within  
37 their resident district.

38 (4) LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION. A county or city board of  
39 education or a charter school.

40 (5) QUALIFYING RESIDENCY STATUS. The location of the  
41 primary dwelling, school system geographic boundaries, or  
42 attendance zone of a student.

43 Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to  
44 the contrary, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the  
45 parent or legal guardian of a K-12 public school student may  
46 enroll the student in the school of his or her choice without  
47 regard to qualifying residency status, in accordance with the  
48 intradistrict enrollment policy and the interdistrict  
49 enrollment policy of the local board of education or charter  
50 school.

51 (b) Each local board of education and charter school  
52 operating in the state shall adopt an intradistrict enrollment  
53 policy and an interdistrict enrollment policy to govern  
54 parental choice and student transfers authorized by this  
55 section. No later than July 31, 2024, the policies of each  
56 local board of education and each charter school shall be



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57 posted on the website of the respective local board of  
58 education and charter school and shall be reported to the  
59 State Department of Education.

60 (c) If a local board of education or charter school  
61 amends its local intradistrict enrollment policy or  
62 interdistrict enrollment policy, the amendment shall be  
63 posted on the website of the local board of education or  
64 charter school and reported to the State Department of  
65 Education within 30 days after adoption of the amendment.

66 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first  
67 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
68 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.