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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, career and technical education programs are available to students at certain public schools.

Existing law does not authorize home school students to participate in any class or program offered by a public school.

This bill would authorize home school students to participate in career and technical education programs at public schools.

This bill would provide conditions that a home school student must meet in order to participate in a career and technical education program.

This bill would also require the State Board of Education and each local board of education to adopt rules relating to the participation of home school students in career and technical education programs.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to authorize home school students to participate in certain career and technical



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29 education programs at public schools; to provide standards
30 relating to a home school student's participation; and to
31 require the State Board of Education and local boards of
32 education to adopt rules.

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

34 Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following
35 terms have the following meanings:

36 (1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION or CTE. An area of
37 study that blends academic, occupational, and life skills
38 leading to a credential, employment, or further education.

39 (2) HOME SCHOOL STUDENT. A student who is instructed by
40 a private tutor pursuant to Section 16-28-5, Code of Alabama
41 1975, or who is taught at home and is enrolled in a private
42 school or a church school as provided in Section 16-28-1, Code
43 of Alabama 1975.

44 (3) STATE BOARD. The State Board of Education.

45 Section 2. (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school
46 year, a home school student may participate in any career and
47 technical education program offered by a public school,
48 provided that the home school student satisfies the same
49 residency requirements as other students enrolled in the
50 public school through which the home school student
51 participates.

52 (b) A home school student's participation in a CTE
53 program is conditioned on all of the following:

54 (1) The home school student registering with the local
55 board of education his or her intention to participate in the
56 CTE program.



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57 (2) The home school student paying any course fees in
58 an amount equal to the fee charged to an enrolled public
59 school student.

60 (3) The home school student adhering to the same
61 standards of behavior, responsibility, performance, and code
62 of conduct as other enrolled public school students
63 participating in the course. If the home school student is
64 convicted of, or is found to have committed, a felony or a
65 delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by
66 an adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, the
67 participation of the home school student in the CTE program is
68 contingent upon the established policy of the local board of
69 education.

70 (4) The home school student adhering to the same
71 academic standards as other enrolled public school students
72 participating in the program, with those standards confirmed
73 by appropriate documentation, as determined by the state
74 board.

75 (5) The home school student satisfying any
76 prerequisites to enrollment or having the equivalent to any
77 prerequisites to enrollment that apply to other enrolled
78 public school students in the program.

79 (6) Compliance with any other policies adopted by the
80 state board related to the enrollment of home school students
81 in a CTE program.

82 (c) In the event that a CTE program has limited
83 enrollment capacity, a home school student who wishes to
84 enroll in the CTE program shall be considered for enrollment



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85 in the same manner as an enrolled student who attends the
86 public school offering the CTE program.

87 (d) (1) The state board shall adopt rules to implement
88 and administer this section.

89 (2) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy
90 reflecting the requirements of this section and rules adopted
91 by the state board.

92 (3) Neither the state board nor any local board of
93 education may impose additional requirements on home school
94 students that are not imposed on enrolled public school
95 students.

96 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
97 1, 2024.