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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a high school student may dual enroll in college courses in certain circumstances.

This bill would create the Move on When Ready Act and establish a program allowing eligible 11th and 12th grade students admitted unconditionally to an eligible two-year public institution of higher education to take a full schedule of courses at that institution and receive high school credit for the postsecondary coursework.

This bill would create the Move on When Ready Fund and authorize the Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) to use the fund to pay a two-year institution of higher education for courses taken pursuant to the program and would provide for the calculation of that funding.

This bill would prohibit a two-year institution of higher education from charging a student for postsecondary coursework taken pursuant to the program.

This bill would authorize the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the ACCS Board of Trustees, to adopt rules.

This bill would also create criminal penalties for any person who enables a two-year institution of



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29 higher education to wrongfully obtain payments under
30 this program.

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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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37 Relating to public high school education; to create the
38 Move on When Ready Act; to establish a program allowing
39 eligible 11th and 12th grade students to take all courses at
40 an eligible two-year public institution of higher education
41 and receive high school credit for the coursework; to create
42 the Move on When Ready Fund and authorize the Chancellor of
43 the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) to administer the
44 fund; to authorize payment from the fund to a two-year
45 institution of higher education for courses taken pursuant to
46 the program; to provide for the calculation of the payment; to
47 prohibit a two-year institution of higher education from
48 charging a student for postsecondary coursework taken pursuant
49 to the program; to authorize the State Board of Education, in
50 consultation with the ACCS Board of Trustees, to adopt rules;
51 and to create criminal penalties for any person who enables a
52 two-year institution of higher education to wrongfully obtain
53 payments under this program.

54 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

55 Section 1. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited
56 as the Move on When Ready Act.



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57 (b) As used in this section, the following words have
58 the following meanings:

59 (1) ACCS. The Alabama Community College System.

60 (2) DEPARTMENT. The State Department of Education.

61 (3) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION or INSTITUTION. Any two-year
62 public institution of higher education in the state, including
63 postsecondary technical colleges, trade schools, community
64 colleges, and junior colleges.

65 (4) ELIGIBLE STUDENT. A student entering 11th or 12th
66 grade who spent the prior school year in attendance at a
67 public high school in this state who meets the eligibility
68 criteria adopted pursuant to this section.

69 (5) FUND. The Move on When Ready Fund created by this
70 section.

71 (6) PROGRAM. The arrangement authorized by this section
72 whereby an eligible student takes all of his or her courses,
73 as approved by subsection (f), at an eligible institution and
74 receives secondary credit from his or her high school with the
75 goal of completing graduation and high school diploma
76 requirements.

77 (7) SECONDARY CREDIT. High school credit for courses
78 taken at an eligible institution under the program.

79 (8) STATE BOARD. The State Board of Education.

80 (c) (1) Any eligible student may apply to an eligible
81 institution to take courses at that institution which are
82 approved for secondary academic credit pursuant to subsection
83 (f). If accepted at an eligible institution, an eligible
84 student may take any approved course at that institution,



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85 whether or not the course is taught during the regular public
86 school day, and receive secondary credit. While taking courses
87 at an eligible institution, a student shall be considered a
88 student of that institution and may not take any courses at
89 his or her high school. An eligible institution that accepts
90 an eligible student under the program may not receive any
91 state funds for that student unless the institution complies
92 with the requirements of this section.

93 (2) Nothing in this section shall affect or otherwise
94 replace any existing law or funding from the Legislature
95 relating to dual enrollment practices as of October 1, 2024.

96 (d) Except as otherwise provided, the state board shall
97 consult with the Board of Trustees of ACCS in developing and
98 adopting rules regarding the program, including, but not
99 limited to:

100 (1) Eligibility criteria for program participation,
101 including applicable state and federal testing requirements
102 for eligible students participating in the program; and

103 (2) The development of appropriate forms and counseling
104 guidelines for the program.

105 (e) (1) No later than April 1 of each year, each local
106 board of education shall provide general information about the
107 program, including the appropriate forms, to all 10th and 11th
108 grade students in the district. The state board shall make the
109 appropriate forms and guidelines available to all local boards
110 of education and eligible institutions.

111 (2) Each local board of education shall also provide
112 counseling services in accordance with the counseling



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113 guidelines to its students and their parents or guardians
114 before a student may enroll in the program. Prior to
115 participating in the program, a student and his or her parent
116 or guardian shall sign the form provided by the local board of
117 education, or by an eligible institution, stating that they
118 have received the counseling specified in this subsection and
119 that they understand the responsibilities that shall be
120 assumed in participating in the program.

121 (f) (1)a. Each local board of education shall grant
122 academic credit to an eligible student enrolled in a course at
123 an eligible institution if that course has been approved
124 pursuant to paragraph b. and if the student successfully
125 completes that course.

126 b. The state board and the ACCS Board of Trustees shall
127 collaborate to approve courses for inclusion in the program.
128 Any course that is substantially comparable to a high school
129 course approved by the state board, other than a remedial or
130 summer school course, shall be approved. Co-requisite courses
131 may be approved for inclusion the program, provided that a
132 student may only receive one secondary credit for the
133 completion of both the co-requisite course and the companion
134 college-level course.

135 c. The secondary credit granted shall be for the
136 comparable high school course.

137 (2) Secondary school credits granted for eligible
138 institution courses shall be counted toward graduation
139 requirements and subject area requirements of the local board
140 of education. Evidence of successful completion of each course



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141 and secondary credits granted shall be included in the
142 eligible student's high school transcript. Secondary credit
143 for postsecondary courses shall be awarded in the same manner
144 as credits for dual enrollment courses.

145 (4) The state board shall establish rules to require
146 local boards of education to award a high school diploma to
147 any eligible student who is enrolled at an eligible
148 institution under the program, provided that: (i) the credit
149 earned at the institution satisfies course requirements needed
150 for the eligible student to complete high school graduation;
151 and (ii) the student is exempt from any state assessment
152 requirements that he or she would have been required to
153 complete as a junior or senior.

154 (g) (1) The Move on When Ready Fund is created within
155 the State Treasury. The Chancellor of the Alabama Community
156 College System shall administer the fund. The chancellor shall
157 use the fund to pay eligible institutions the lesser of the
158 following amounts for each participating eligible student
159 enrolled therein, less a records fee of two hundred dollars
160 (\$200) for the administration costs of the local board of
161 education:

162 a. The actual cost of tuition, materials, and fees
163 directly related to the courses taken by the eligible student
164 at the institution; or

165 b. The amount that the participating eligible student
166 would have earned if he or she had been in equivalent
167 instructional programs through the local board of education,
168 calculated pursuant to subdivision (2).



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169 (2) The total allotment of funds to the local board of
170 education in which a participating student is enrolled at an
171 eligible institution shall be calculated as otherwise provided
172 in Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975, provided that during the
173 student's second year in the program, the calculation shall
174 include an ensuing reduction equivalent to the amount paid
175 from the fund to the eligible institution pursuant to this
176 subsection.

177 (3) The records fee contained in subdivision (1) may be
178 increased at the sole discretion of the state board by up to
179 four percent annually.

180 (4) Any monies appropriated shall be budgeted and
181 allotted pursuant to the Budget Management Act in accordance
182 with Article 4, commencing with Section 41-4-80 of Chapter 4
183 of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and only in the amounts
184 provided by the Legislature in the general appropriations act
185 or other appropriations act.

186 (h) A student enrolled in an eligible institution for
187 secondary credit shall not be eligible for any other state
188 student financial aid for courses taken under the program.

189 (i) An eligible institution may not charge an eligible
190 student for coursework taken pursuant to this program and
191 shall accept the payment made pursuant to subsection (g) as
192 full payment for the eligible student.

193 (j) Any person who knowingly makes or furnishes any
194 false statement or misrepresentation, or who accepts a
195 statement or misrepresentation knowing it to be false, for the
196 purpose of enabling an eligible institution to obtain



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197 wrongfully any payment under this section shall be guilty of a
198 misdemeanor.

199 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
200 1, 2025.