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4 RFD: Education Policy
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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

11 This bill would authorize home school students
12 to participate in career and technical education
13 programs at public schools, except that full-time,
14 stand-alone career and technical education schools may
15 choose whether to opt in to home school student
16 participation.

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

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

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AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to authorize home school students to participate in certain career and technical education programs at K-12 public schools; to provide exemptions for full-time career and technical education schools; and to require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to adopt appropriate rules and policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

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

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

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

(b) Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, a home school student may participate in any career and technical education program offered by a public school, provided that:

(1) The home school student enrolls as a nontraditional public school student; and

(2) The home school student pays any course fees in an amount equal to the fee charged to an enrolled public school



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student.

(c) In the event that a CTE program has limited enrollment capacity, a home school student who wishes to enroll in the CTE program shall be considered for enrollment after current public school students are enrolled.

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

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

(e) This section does not require any full-time, stand-alone career and technical education school to allow home school students to participate in its career and technical education programs. However, any full-time, stand-alone career and technical education school may choose to allow home school students to participate in its career and technical education programs pursuant to this section.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.