

HB183 INTRODUCED



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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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 A BILL
 TO BE ENTITLED



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AN ACT

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

38 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

44 (2) HOME SCHOOL STUDENT. A student who is instructed by
45 a private tutor pursuant to Section 16-28-5, Code of Alabama
46 1975, or who is taught at home and is enrolled in a private
47 school or a church school as defined in Section 16-28-1, Code
48 of Alabama 1975.

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

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

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

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



57 student.

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

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

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

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

74 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
75 1, 2026.