

**House Education Policy Engrossed Substitute for
HB73**



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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 terms shall have the following meanings:

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

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

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

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



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29 (5) QUALIFYING RESIDENCY STATUS. The location of the
30 primary dwelling, school system geographic boundaries, or
31 attendance zone of a student.

32 Section 2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to
33 the contrary, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the
34 parent or legal guardian of a K-12 public school student may
35 enroll the student in the school of his or her choice without
36 regard to qualifying residency status, as permitted by the
37 intradistrict enrollment policy and the interdistrict
38 enrollment policy of the local board of education or charter
39 school.

40 (b) Each local board of education and charter school
41 operating in the state shall adopt an intradistrict enrollment
42 policy and an interdistrict enrollment policy to govern
43 parental choice and student transfers authorized by this
44 section. No later than July 31, 2024, the policies of each
45 local board of education and each charter school shall be
46 posted on the website of the respective local board of
47 education and charter school and shall be reported to the
48 State Department of Education.

49 (c) If a local board of education or charter school
50 amends its local intradistrict enrollment policy or
51 interdistrict enrollment policy, the amendment shall be
52 posted on the website of the local board of education or
53 charter school and reported to the State Department of
54 Education within 30 days after adoption of the amendment.

55 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the first
56 day of the third month following its passage and approval by

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57 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.