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| 5 | A BILL |
| 6 | TO BE ENTITLED |
| 7 | AN ACT |
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| 9 | Relating to public K-12 education; to authorize home |
| 10 | school students to participate in certain career and technical |
| 11 | education programs at public schools; to provide exemptions |
| 12 | for full-time career and technical education schools; and to |
| 13 | require the State Board of Education and local boards of |
| 14 | education to adopt rules. |
| 15 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: |
| 16 | Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following |
| 17 | terms have the following meanings: |
| 18 | (1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION or CTE. An area of |
| 19 | study that blends academic, occupational, and life skills |
| 20 | leading to a credential, employment, or further education. |
| 21 | (2) HOME SCHOOL STUDENT. A student who is instructed by |
| 22 | a private tutor pursuant to Section 16-28-5, Code of Alabama |
| 23 | 1975, or who is taught at home and is enrolled in a private |
| 24 | school or a church school as provided in Section 16-28-1, Code |
| 25 | of Alabama 1975. |
| 26 | (3) STATE BOARD. The State Board of Education. |
| 27 | Section 2. (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school |
| 28 | year, a home school student may participate in any career and |

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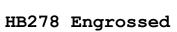


- 29 technical education program offered by a public school,
- 30 provided that the home school student enrolls as a
- 31 nontraditional public school student.
- 32 (b) A home school student's participation in a CTE
- program is conditioned on all of the following:
- 34 (1) The home school student enrolling as a
- 35 nontraditional public school student.
- 36 (2) The home school student paying any course fees in
- 37 an amount equal to the fee charged to an enrolled public
- 38 school student.
- 39 (c) In the event that a CTE program has limited
- 40 enrollment capacity, a home school student who wishes to
- 41 enroll in the CTE program shall be considered for enrollment
- 42 after current public school students are enrolled.
- (d) (1) The state board shall adopt rules to implement
- 44 and administer this section.
- 45 (2) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy
- 46 reflecting the requirements of this section and rules adopted
- 47 by the state board.
- 48 (e) This act does not require any full-time,
- 49 stand-alone career and technical education school to allow
- 50 home school students to participate in its career and
- 51 technical education programs. However, any full-time,
- 52 stand-alone career and technical education school may choose
- 53 to allow home school students to participate in its career and
- technical education programs pursuant to this act.
- (f) Any course fees or other costs assessed to a
- 56 student participating in a career and technical education



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- 57 program pursuant to this act shall be considered a qualifying
- educational expense, as defined by Section 2 of Act 2024-21,
- 59 2024 Regular Session, the CHOOSE Act.
- Section 3. This act shall become effective on August 1,
- 61 2024.





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