To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2118

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DUALLY ENROLL HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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- 6 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) As used in this section, "home school
- 7 students" are those children taught by private teachers, parents,
- 8 guardians or custodians in a legitimate home instruction program
- 9 as defined in the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law,
- 10 Section 37-13-91, Mississippi Code of 1972.
- 11 (2) If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a home
- 12 school student submits a request, the local school board shall be
- 13 authorized to also register the student in a public school for
- 14 dual enrollment purposes, as provided under this section. If the
- 15 home school student is enrolled in a public school district for
- 16 dual enrollment purposes, the home school student shall be
- 17 permitted to participate in any academic activities in the
- 18 district on a part-time basis, and shall also be permitted to
- 19 participate on the same basis as public school students in any
- 20 extracurricular activities available to students in the home
- 21 school student's grade. A home school student applying for dual
- 22 enrollment must reside within the attendance boundaries of the
- 23 school in which the student is seeking enrollment. Request for
- 24 dual enrollment in the following school year must be submitted by
- 25 the parent, guardian or legal custodian before May 1.
- 26 (3) Any home school student enrolled for dual enrollment
- 27 shall be included in the public school's attendance for purposes

- 28 of minimum education program or adequate education program
- 29 funding.
- 30 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
- 31 any home school student to enroll with any school district for
- 32 dual enrollment purposes.
- 33 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 34 and after its passage.