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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2026

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DUALY ENROLL
2 HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "home school
6 students" are those children taught by private teachers, parents,
7 guardians or custodians in a legitimate home instruction program
8 as defined in the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law,
9 Section 37-13-91, Mississippi Code of 1972.

10 (2) If a parent, guardian or legal custodian of a home
11 school student submits a request, the local school board shall be
12 authorized to also register the student in a public school for
13 dual enrollment purposes, as provided under this section. If the
14 home school student is enrolled in a public school district for
15 dual enrollment purposes, the home school student shall be
16 permitted to participate in any academic activities in the
17 district on a part-time basis, and shall also be permitted to
18 participate on the same basis as public school students in any
19 extracurricular activities available to students in the home
20 school student's grade. A home school student applying for dual
21 enrollment must reside within the attendance boundaries of the

22 school in which the student is seeking enrollment. Request for
23 dual enrollment in the following school year must be submitted by
24 the parent, guardian or legal custodian before May 1.

25 (3) Any home school student enrolled for dual enrollment
26 shall be included in the public school's attendance for purposes
27 of minimum education program or adequate education program
28 funding.

29 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
30 any home school student to enroll with any school district for
31 dual enrollment purposes.

32 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
33 and after its passage.