HOUSE BILL NO. 343

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO REGISTER HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the phrase "home school student" means a child taught by private teachers, parents, guardians or custodians in a legitimate home instruction program as defined in the Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law (Section 37-13-91).

(2) Upon the request of a parent, guardian or legal custodian of a home school student, the local school board may register the student in a public school for purposes of participating in any extracurricular activities available to students in the home school student's grade. A home school student applying for registration in a public school to participate in an extracurricular activity or activities must reside within the attendance boundaries of the school in which the student is seeking registration. A request for registration in a public school under this section must be submitted by the parent, guardian or legal custodian before May 1 for participation in the extracurricular activity in the following school year.

(3) This section may not be construed to require any home school student to register with any school district for extracurricular activity purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.