MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION 2001

By: Representatives Wells-Smith, Fillingane, Reeves, Rushing, Simpson, Zuber

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1377

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:

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 dual enrollment purposes, as provided under this section. If the home school student is enrolled in a public school district for dual enrollment purposes, the home school student may participate in any academic activities in the district on a part-time basis and also may participate on the same basis as public school students in any extracurricular activities available to students in the home school student's grade. A home school student applying for dual enrollment must reside within the attendance boundaries of the school in which the student is seeking enrollment. A request for dual enrollment must be submitted by the parent, guardian or legal custodian before May 1 for enrollment in the following school year.

(3) Any home school student dually enrolled in a public school must be included in the school's average daily attendance.
for purposes of minimum education program or adequate education
program funding.

(4) This section may not be construed to require any home
school student to enroll with any school district for dual
enrollment purposes.

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