

By: Representative Robinson (84th)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 698

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, the phrase "home
6 school student" means a compulsory-school-age child who is taught
7 by private teachers, parents, guardians or custodians in a
8 legitimate home instruction program as defined under the
9 Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law (Section 37-13-91).

10 (2) Upon the request of a parent, guardian or legal
11 custodian of a home school student, the local school board, in its
12 discretion, may register the student in a public school for dual
13 enrollment purposes in the manner provided under this section. If
14 the home school student is enrolled in a public school for dual
15 enrollment purposes, the home school student may participate in
16 any academic activities in the school on a part-time basis and may
17 participate, on the same basis as students enrolled in that
18 school, in any extracurricular activities available to students in
19 the home school student's grade. A home school student applying
20 for dual enrollment must reside within the attendance boundaries
21 of the school in which the student is seeking enrollment. A
22 request for dual enrollment in the following school year must be
23 submitted to the local school board by the parent, guardian or
24 legal custodian before May 1.

25 (3) Any home school student enrolled in a public school for
26 dual enrollment purposes must be included in the school district's

27 average daily attendance for purposes of adequate education
28 program funding.

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

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