

1 SB143  
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3 By Senator Chesteen  
4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs  
5 First Read: 06-FEB-20

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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 16-46A-1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
6 relating to K-12 virtual education, to provide, for the  
7 purposes of enrolling in and attending a virtual school  
8 operating in this state, that the dependents of a member of  
9 the United States Armed Forces shall be considered residents  
10 of the state upon the member receiving orders to relocate to  
11 Alabama.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Section 16-46A-1 of the Code of Alabama  
14 1975, is amended to read as follows:

15 "§16-46A-1.

16 "(a) (1) Before the 2016-2017 school year, each local  
17 board of education shall adopt a policy providing, at a  
18 minimum, a virtual education option for eligible students in  
19 grades nine to 12, inclusive, beginning with that school year.

20 "(2) Any virtual school operating in this state that  
21 provides educational services to public school students shall  
22 comply with this chapter.

23 "(b) The policy adopted by the local board of  
24 education pursuant to this chapter shall govern the virtual  
25 school program offered by the local board of education. The

1 policy shall offer students in grades nine to 12, inclusive,  
2 an online pathway for earning a high school diploma and, at a  
3 minimum, shall include all of the following:

4 "(1) The scope and delivery of virtual options.

5 "(2) Student eligibility criteria for initial and  
6 continuing participation in the virtual program.

7 "(3) Specific requirements for monitoring  
8 performance and testing protocol consistent with this chapter.

9 "(4) Attendance requirements, if any.

10 "(c) A local board of education shall not be  
11 required to utilize a state program or vendor for the  
12 provision of virtual school options.

13 "(d) For the purposes of this chapter, a dependent  
14 of a member of the United States Armed Forces who has received  
15 orders to relocate in this state shall be considered a  
16 resident of this state and the applicable local school  
17 system."

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
19 first day of the third month following its passage and  
20 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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