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By Senator Smitherman

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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a local board of education must provide timely notice to the parent of each student enrolled in or assigned to a priority school of all public school transfer options available to that student under the Alabama Accountability Act.

This bill would require each local board of education in a Class 1 municipality to also include in the notice information about the admissions process for magnet schools and any other public schools with competitive admissions policies in the district.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Accountability Act; to require local boards of education in Class 1 municipalities to provide information about certain magnet and competitive public schools to parents or guardians of students enrolled in or assigned to a priority school.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, a local board of education in a Class 1 municipality that has a

school included on the annual list of priority schools shall include both of the following in the notification required to be given to parents or legal guardians of students enrolled in or assigned to that priority school by Section 16-6D-8, Code of Alabama 1975:

(1) That the student has the option to apply and, if he or she meets all admissions requirements and is accepted, attend a magnet school or other public school with competitive admissions within the district.

(2) A list of any magnet schools or other public schools with competitive admissions in the district and information about where to find admission information about each school.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.