



**House Ways and Means Education Reported Substitute
for HB61**

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to authorize home school students to participate in certain career and technical education programs at K-12 public schools; to provide exemptions for full-time career and technical education schools; and to require the State Board of Education and local boards of education to adopt appropriate rules and policies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION or CTE. An area of study that blends academic, occupational, and life skills leading to a credential, employment, or further education.

(2) HOME SCHOOL STUDENT. A student who is instructed by a private tutor pursuant to Section 16-28-5, Code of Alabama 1975, or who is taught at home and is enrolled in a private school or a church school as defined in Section 16-28-1, Code of Alabama 1975.

(3) STATE BOARD. The State Board of Education.

(b) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a home school student may participate in any career and technical



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29 education program offered by a public school, provided that:

30 (1) The home school student enrolls as a nontraditional
31 public school student; and

32 (2) The home school student pays any course fees in an
33 amount equal to the fee charged to an enrolled public school
34 student.

35 (c) In the event that a CTE program has limited
36 enrollment capacity, a home school student who wishes to
37 enroll in the CTE program shall be considered for enrollment
38 after current public school students are enrolled.

39 (d) (1) The state board shall adopt rules to implement
40 and administer this section.

41 (2) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy
42 reflecting the requirements of this section and rules adopted
43 by the state board.

44 (e) This act does not require any full-time,
45 stand-alone career and technical education school to allow
46 home school students to participate in its career and
47 technical education programs. However, any full-time,
48 stand-alone career and technical education school may choose
49 to allow home school students to participate in its career and
50 technical education programs pursuant to this section.

51 **Section 2.** This act shall become effective on October
52 1, 2025.