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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to virtual education; to authorize full-time students to complete state required assessments through closed browser remote testing; to specify the conditions for administering the assessments; and to exempt public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Commencing with the 2025-2026 school year, and subject to the availability of funds, any virtual school or program operating in this state may administer state required assessments in a virtual setting that aligns with the regular academic instruction of the student, subject to all of the following conditions:

(1) The assessment is administered to the student on an assigned date and at an assigned time.

(2) The student attends a synchronous assessment session initiated and managed by personnel designated by the virtual school or program.

(3) The assessment is administered to the student through a device that permits the assessment proctor to monitor the student by video for the entire duration of the



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29 assessment administration.

30 (4) If the assessment platform does not allow
31 integrated camera proctoring, the student uses two devices for
32 the entire duration of the assessment administration: One
33 device on which the student takes the assessment and a second
34 device which allows the assessment proctor to monitor the
35 student via a camera. If the assessment platform allows for
36 the assessment proctor to view the student and background, a
37 second device is not required.

38 (5) The virtual school or program maintains a student
39 assessment taker to assessment proctor ratio of 10 to one or
40 lower.

41 (6) The student does not exit the assessment
42 administration area until instructed to do so by the assigned
43 assessment proctor.

44 (7) Submission of the assessment is verified by the
45 assessment proctor.

46 (b) This section shall not apply to either of the
47 following:

48 (1) Public institutions of higher education.

49 (2) College readiness or workforce readiness
50 assessments provided by a national college and career
51 readiness assessment provider until those assessments are
52 available via remote access.

53 (c) Any individual who administers an assessment or
54 serves as an assessment proctor pursuant to this section shall
55 be a teacher who holds a valid Alabama professional education
56 certificate.



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57 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
58 2025.



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Secretary.