

Committee on Education Postsecondary

CS/SB 732 — Collegiate Purple Star Campuses

by Education Postsecondary Committee and Senators Wright and Collins

The bill establishes the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses program to support military-connected families. The bill defines the term military student as a student enrolled in a Florida College System institution, state university, or career center who is an active duty member or veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a reserve component of a military branch; or the Florida National Guard, and his or her spouse or dependents.

To implement the program, the bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE) and the Board of Governors (BOG) to adopt rules and regulations, respectively, to establish the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses program and provide minimum requirements.

The bill also authorizes the SBE and the BOG to establish additional criteria to identify for the program potential institutions that demonstrate a commitment to or provide critical transition supports for military-connected families.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0