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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to military student education; directing
3 the Department of Education to assist in the transition of
4 dependents of military personnel into and within the
5 Florida education system; requiring a report; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that school-age
11 dependents of military personnel, known as military students,
12 are faced with numerous transitions during their formative years
13 and that moves during the high school years provide special
14 challenges to learning and future achievement. Recognizing the
15 challenges faced by military students and the importance of
16 military families to our communities and economy, the
17 Legislature directs the Department of Education to assist in the
18 transition of these students by improving the timely transfer of
19 records, developing systems to ease student transition during
20 the first 2 weeks of school enrollment, promoting practices that
21 foster access to extracurricular programs, establishing
22 procedures to lessen the adverse impact of moves at the end of
23 grade 11 and during grade 12, encouraging or continuing
24 partnerships between military bases and the education system,
25 providing services for transitioning students when applying and
26 finding funding for postsecondary study, and providing other
27 assistance as identified by department, school, and military
28 personnel.

29 (2) The Department of Education shall identify its efforts
30 and strategies for assisting military students in transitioning



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31 to and within the Florida education system, including the
32 identification of acceptable equivalence for curriculum and
33 graduation requirements, and shall report its findings to the
34 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
35 House of Representatives by October 1, 2003.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.