

By Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to public secondary schools; creating s.  
3 1003.451, F.S.; prohibiting any school district or public  
4 secondary school from prohibiting ROTC units on campus,  
5 preventing a student from enrolling in an ROTC unit at  
6 another educational institution, or preventing military  
7 recruiters from having certain access to students;  
8 providing for enforcement; providing for the adoption of  
9 rules by the State Board of Education; providing an  
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1003.451, Florida Statutes, is created  
15 to read:

16 1003.451 Prohibiting school districts or schools from  
17 preventing ROTC access to campus; providing for enforcement by  
18 the State Board of Education.--

19 (1) A school district or public secondary school may not  
20 have a policy or practice that prohibits or in effect prevents:

21 (a) The maintaining, establishing, or operation of a unit  
22 of the Reserve Officer Training Corps of any branch of the United  
23 States Armed Forces at the school;

24 (b) A student at the school from enrolling in a unit of the  
25 Reserve Officer Training Corps at another educational  
26 institution; or

27 (c) Military recruiters from having the same access to the  
28 school's students as is provided by the school to postsecondary  
29 educational institutions or to prospective employers of those

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30 | students.

31 |       (2) The State Board of Education shall enforce this section  
32 | pursuant to s. 1008.32.

33 |       (3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to  
34 | administer this section.

35 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.