

By Senator Altman

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school-aged dependents of military  
3           personnel; amending s. 1003.05, F.S.; requiring that a  
4           school board provide an option to school-aged  
5           dependents of military personnel to choose certain  
6           schools if the student is reassigned as a result of  
7           school rezoning; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1003.05, Florida  
12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1003.05 Assistance to transitioning students from military  
14           families.—

15           (1) The Legislature finds that school-aged dependents of  
16           military personnel, otherwise known as military students, are  
17           faced with numerous transitions during their formative years and  
18           that moves during the high school years provide special  
19           challenges to learning and future achievement.

20           (a) Recognizing the challenges faced by military students  
21           and the importance of military families to our community and  
22           economy, the Department of Education shall assist the transition  
23           of these students by improving the timely transfer of records,  
24           developing systems to ease student transition during the first 2  
25           weeks of enrollment, promoting practices which foster access to  
26           extracurricular programs, establishing procedures to lessen the  
27           adverse impact of moves from the end of the junior year as well  
28           as before and during the senior year, encouraging or continuing  
29           partnerships between the military base and the school system,

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30 providing services for transitioning students when applying to  
31 and finding funding for postsecondary study, and providing other  
32 assistance as identified by department, school, and military  
33 personnel.

34 (b) If a local school board adjusts school zones within its  
35 boundaries, military students shall be given the option of  
36 remaining at the school they are currently attending or may  
37 attend the school assigned as a result of the rezoning.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.