

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Young

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to enrollment of dependent children of  
3 active duty military personnel in the Florida Virtual  
4 School; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; requiring the  
5 Florida Virtual School to give enrollment priority to  
6 dependent children of certain active duty military  
7 personnel; authorizing the Florida Virtual School to  
8 use a specified form to determine residency and to  
9 serve specified students directly; providing for  
10 funding for certain students; amending s. 1003.05,  
11 F.S.; requiring that certain dependent children of  
12 active duty military personnel be given first  
13 preference for admission to certain virtual  
14 instruction programs; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 1002.37,  
19 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), paragraph  
20 (b) of subsection (1) of that section is amended, and a new  
21 subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

22 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

23 (1)

24 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to provide  
25 students with technology-based educational opportunities to gain  
26 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The school shall  
27 serve any student in the state who meets the profile for success  
28 in this educational delivery context and shall give priority to:

29 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order to

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30 meet their educational goals, such as home education students  
31 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not  
32 have access to higher-level courses.

33 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain a  
34 high school diploma at least one semester early.

35 3. Dependent children of active duty military personnel not  
36 stationed in the state whose home of record is Florida or whose  
37 State of Legal Residence Certificate, DD Form 2058, lists  
38 Florida.

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40 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall  
41 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on  
42 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission  
43 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for  
44 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and  
45 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high  
46 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

47 (10) For purposes of the enrollment of a dependent child of  
48 active duty military personnel as a part-time or full-time  
49 student in the Florida Virtual School, the Florida Virtual  
50 School may use the State of Legal Residence Certificate, DD Form  
51 2058, to verify residency for the child and may serve the  
52 student directly. Funding for such students shall be provided in  
53 accordance with subsection (3).

54 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1003.05, Florida  
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 1003.05 Assistance to transitioning students from military  
57 families.—

58 (3) Dependent children of active duty military personnel

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59 who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic  
60 programs offered through public schools shall be given first  
61 preference for admission to such programs even if the program is  
62 being offered through a public school other than the school to  
63 which the student would generally be assigned. If such a program  
64 is offered through a public school other than the school to  
65 which the student would generally be assigned, the parent or  
66 guardian of the student must assume responsibility for  
67 transporting the student to that school. For purposes of this  
68 subsection, special academic programs include virtual  
69 instruction programs provided by approved providers, as defined  
70 in s. 1002.45(1)(a)1.; magnet schools; advanced studies  
71 programs; advanced placement; dual enrollment; Advanced  
72 International Certificate of Education; and International  
73 Baccalaureate.

74 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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