

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Purple Star Campuses; creating s.
 3 1003.051, F.S.; defining the term "military student";
 4 requiring the Department of Education to establish the
 5 Purple Star Campus program; specifying program
 6 criteria for participating schools; authorizing
 7 schools to partner with school districts to meet such
 8 criteria; requiring the State Board of Education to
 9 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Section 1003.051, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 1003.051 Purple Star Campuses.—

16 (1) As used in this section, the term "military student"
 17 means a student who is:

18 (a) Enrolled in a school district, charter school, or any
 19 school or educational institution participating in an
 20 educational choice scholarship program established pursuant to
 21 chapter 1002; and

22 (b) A dependent of a current member of the United States
 23 military serving on active duty in, or a former member of, the
 24 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, a reserve
 25 component of any branch of the United States military, or the

26 Florida National Guard.

27 (2) (a) The Department of Education shall establish the
 28 Purple Star Campus program. At a minimum, the program must
 29 require a participating school to:

- 30 1. Designate a staff member as a military liaison.
- 31 2. Maintain a webpage on the school's website which
 32 includes resources for military students and their families.
- 33 3. Maintain a student-led transition program that assists
 34 military students in transitioning into the school.
- 35 4. Offer professional development training opportunities
 36 for staff members on issues relating to military students.
- 37 5. Receive a school grade of "A" or "B" for at least 3
 38 consecutive years before applying for the award.
- 39 6. Reserve at least 5 percent of controlled open
 40 enrollment seats for military students.

41 (b) A participating school must meet at least two of the
 42 following requirements in addition to the requirements of
 43 paragraph (a):

- 44 1. Hold one of the following annual school-wide military
 45 events: Month of the Military Child, Month of the Military
 46 Family, Purple Up! For Military Kids!, Veteran's Day, or
 47 Memorial Day.
- 48 2. Obtain a school board resolution publicizing support
 49 for military students and families.
- 50 3. Partner with a School Liaison Officer, who must be

51 military personnel who works with local schools in support of
52 military-connected children, to provide opportunities for
53 active-duty parents to volunteer within the school.

54 4. Maintain a public display recognizing service members,
55 veterans, or military students and families.

56 5. Engage all students and staff in a project connecting
57 the school with the military community, such as adopt-a-school
58 or a letters and care package collection for troops.

59 6. Provide outreach for military parents and their
60 children to connect with, and feel supported by, the surrounding
61 community, such as relief funds for struggling military
62 students; college scholarship opportunities financed by local
63 businesses; cooperative community and school projects;
64 structures to provide parents with community resource
65 information and contacts; and family activities on nonsecure
66 areas of military bases, such as STEM or literacy activities.

67 7. Publish a welcome video or photo slideshow on the
68 school's website to highlight certain aspects of the school
69 facility, such as the gym, cafeteria, media center, a typical
70 classroom, and playground, as a way to help military students
71 transitioning to the area.

72 8. For middle schools and high schools, offer a Junior
73 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and allow military
74 students to participate upon arrival to the school.

75 (3) A school may partner with a school district to procure

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76 | digital, professional development, or other assistance necessary
77 | for the school to meet the criteria specified in subsection (2).

78 | (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
79 | implement this section.

80 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.