

By Senator Wright

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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 the  
7       department to establish additional program eligibility  
8       criteria; authorizing schools to partner with school  
9       districts to meet such criteria; requiring the  
10      department to adopt rules; providing an effective  
11      date.

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

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15       Section 1. Section 1003.051, Florida Statutes, is created  
16 to read:

17       1003.051 Purple Star Campuses.—

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

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

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

29       (2) (a) The Department of Education shall establish the

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30 Purple Star Campus program. At a minimum, the program must  
31 require a participating school to:

32 1. Designate a staff member as a military liaison.

33 2. Maintain a webpage on the school's website which  
34 includes resources for military students and their families.

35 3. Maintain a student-led transition program that assists  
36 military students in transitioning into the school.

37 4. Offer professional development training opportunities  
38 for staff members on issues relating to military students.

39 (b) The department may establish additional program  
40 eligibility criteria by rule.

41 (3) A school may partner with a school district to procure  
42 digital, professional development, or other assistance necessary  
43 for the school to meet the criteria specified in subsection (2).

44 (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
45 section.

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