

By the Committee on Education; and 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 State
10 Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an
11 effective 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 State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
45 implement this section.

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