

By the Committees on Appropriations; and 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
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, a 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:

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

31 2. Maintain a web page 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. Reserve at least 5 percent of controlled open enrollment
38 seats for military students.

39 (b) The department may establish additional criteria to
40 identify schools that demonstrate a commitment to or provide
41 critical transition supports for military-connected families,
42 such as hosting an annual military recognition event, partnering
43 with a school liaison officer from a military installation,
44 supporting projects that connect the school with the military
45 community, and providing outreach for military parents and their
46 children.

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

50 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
51 implement this section.

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