

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Collegiate Purple Star Campuses;
3 creating s. 1004.071, F.S.; defining the term
4 "military student"; requiring the State Board of
5 Education to adopt rules and the Board of Governors to
6 adopt regulations to establish the Collegiate Purple
7 Star Campuses program; specifying program criteria for
8 participating Florida College System institutions,
9 state universities, and career centers; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1004.071, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 1004.071 Collegiate Purple Star Campuses.-

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

19 (a) Enrolled in a Florida College System institution, state
20 university, or career center.

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

26 (2) (a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, and
27 the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations, to establish the
28 Collegiate Purple Star Campuses program. At a minimum, the
29 program must require a participating Florida College System

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30 institution, state university, or career center to:

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

32 2. Maintain a web page on the Florida College System
33 institution or state university's website which includes
34 resources for military students and their families.

35 3. Maintain a student-led transition program that assists
36 military students in transitioning to the Florida College System
37 institution or state university.

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

40 5. Provide priority course registration for military
41 students.

42 (b) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors
43 may establish additional criteria to identify Florida College
44 System institutions and career centers, or state universities,
45 respectively, that demonstrate a commitment to or provide
46 critical transition supports for military-connected families,
47 such as hosting an annual military recognition event, partnering
48 with a school liaison officer from a military installation,
49 supporting projects that connect the Florida College System
50 institution, state university, or career center with the
51 military community, and providing outreach for military parents
52 and their children.

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.