

By the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senators Wright and Collins

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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) An active duty member or veteran of the Army, Navy, Air
22 Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a reserve
23 component of any branch of the United States military; or the
24 Florida National Guard; and his or her spouse and dependents.

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

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

31 2. Maintain a web page on the institution'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 to the institution.

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

37 5. Provide priority course registration for military
38 students.

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

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