

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,  
 20   state university, or career center.

21           (b) An active duty member or veteran of the Army, Navy,  
 22   Air 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:

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

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