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S.105

Introduced by Senators Ram, Chittenden and Parent

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; military-connected students; purple star school programs

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a school district to qualify for the designation of a Purple Star Campus.

An act relating to purple star school programs

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 568 is added to read:

§ 568. PURPLE STAR CAMPUS DESIGNATION

(a) As used in this section, “military-connected student” means a student who is a dependent of a current or former member of:

(1) the U.S. military serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard on active duty;

(2) Vermont National Guard; or

(3) a reserve force of the U.S. Armed Forces; or

(4) a member of a military or reserve force described in subdivision (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection who was killed in the line of duty.

1 (b) The Agency of Education shall designate a school district as a Purple
2 Star Campus if the school district applies and qualifies for the designation
3 under this section.

4 (c) To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a school district shall:

5 (1) designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

6 (A) identifying military-connected students enrolled in the district's
7 schools;

8 (B) serving as the point of contact between the school district and
9 military-connected students and their families;

10 (C) determining appropriate school services available to military-
11 connected students; and

12 (D) assisting in coordinating school programs relevant to military-
13 connected students;

14 (2) maintain within the school district an Internet website with an easily
15 accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected students
16 and their families, including information regarding:

17 (A) relocation to, enrollment at, registration at, and transferring
18 records to the school district;

19 (B) academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes
20 available at the school district; and

1 (C) counseling and other support services available for military-
2 connected students enrolled in the school district;

3 (3) maintain a transition program led by students, where appropriate,
4 that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school district;

5 (4) offer professional development for staff members on issues related
6 to military-connected students; and

7 (5) offer at least one of the following initiatives:

8 (A) a resolution showing support for military-connected students and
9 their families;

10 (B) recognition of the Month of the Military Child or Military Family
11 Month with relevant events hosted by the school district; or

12 (C) a partnership with a local military installation that provides
13 opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer with the school
14 district, speak at an assembly, or host a field trip.

15 (d) To comply with the requirements under subdivisions (c)(2), (4), or (5)
16 of this section, a school district may partner with a third party to provide those
17 services and initiatives.

18 (e) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules as necessary to
19 administer this section.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.