



VERMONT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION
MEMO
From the Desk of Jay Nichols

To: Senate Education Committee
Re: Military Bills: S. 104 & 105 and H.517 Testimony
Date: 4/1/22

S. 104

- We support the concept of remote enrollment into public schools for a child whose parent/guardian is being transferred under military orders. Moving the required residency paperwork to within ten days of the student's actual attendance in the school district is fine.
- Although it doesn't directly impact K-12 schools we agree with the changes regarding in state residency classification for the spouse and/or dependent child of any Armed Force member taking up residency of the state. We want these individuals taking classes etc. and should encourage that any way we can.

S.105

- Purple Star Campus Designation
 - We are generally supportive of this concept and the definition of a "military-connected student" as defined in the bill
 - Our only concern is that if schools want to pursue this designation and the steps necessary to be deemed a Purple Star Campus, is that there should be some type of funding support available to designate a staff member as a military liaison. The duties outlined in the bill are significant and it is unlikely that someone already employed by the school district could simply free up time to attend to these responsibilities.

H.517

- I think the thoughts of VSAC are key here. We will state though that receiving more than one undergraduate certificate or other credential recognized by VSAC with the provision not to exceed the full-time in-state tuition rate charged by NVU makes sense to us. We want to encourage more college degrees and/or certificates of value that help grow our economy now and into the future.