
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," providing for military-connected
6 students.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding an
11 article to read:

12 ARTICLE XIII-F

13 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

14 Section 1301-F. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this article
16 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Department." The Department of Education of the
19 Commonwealth.

1 "Military-connected student." A student who is the dependent
2 of either an individual in the active military service of the
3 United States or in a full-time status during active service
4 with a force of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

5 "School." A school in a school district, charter school,
6 regional charter school, cyber charter school, intermediate unit
7 or career and technical school in this Commonwealth.

8 Section 1302-F. Purple-Star Schools.

9 (a) Designation.--The department shall designate a school
10 as a Purple-Star School if the school applies and qualifies for
11 the designation under this article. To qualify as a Purple-Star
12 School, a school must:

13 (1) Designate a staff member as a military liaison,
14 whose duties include:

15 (i) identifying military-connected students enrolled
16 at the school;

17 (ii) serving as the point of contact between the
18 school and military-connected students and their
19 families;

20 (iii) determining appropriate student services
21 available to military-connected students; and

22 (iv) assisting in coordinating programs relevant to
23 military-connected students.

24 (2) Maintain on the school district's publicly
25 accessible Internet website resources for military-connected
26 students and their families, including information regarding:

27 (i) relocation to, enrollment at, registration at
28 and transferring records to the school;

29 (ii) academic planning, course sequences and
30 advanced classes available at the school; and

1 (iii) counseling and other support services
2 available for military-connected students enrolled in the
3 school.

4 (3) Maintain a transition program led by students, if
5 appropriate, which assists military-connected students in
6 transitioning into the school.

7 (4) Offer professional development for staff members on
8 issues related to military-connected students.

9 (5) Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

10 (i) a resolution showing support for military-
11 connected students and their families;

12 (ii) recognition of the Month of the Military Child
13 or Military Family Month with relevant events hosted by
14 the school; or

15 (iii) a partnership with a local military
16 installation that provides opportunities for active duty
17 military members to volunteer at the school, speak at an
18 assembly or host a field trip.

19 (b) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate rules and
20 regulations as necessary to administer this section.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.