

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1867

Sponsor: SENATOR STEFANO

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 6, by striking out all of
2 said lines and inserting

3 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
4 act relating to the public school system, including certain
5 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
6 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
7 laws relating thereto," providing for Purple Star School
8 Program.

9 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 through 19; page 2, lines 1
10 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 21; by striking out all of
11 said lines on said pages and inserting

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

15 ARTICLE XV-K

16 PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM

17 Section 1501-K. Scope of article.

18 This article relates to the Purple Star School Program.

19 Section 1502-K. Definitions.

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

23 "Department." The Department of Education of the
24 Commonwealth.

25 "Military-connected student." A school-aged child who is a
26 dependent of any of the following:

27 (1) An active or a former member of any of the
28 following:

29 (i) The United States Armed Forces serving in the
30 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space
31 Force or Coast Guard on active duty.

32 (ii) The Pennsylvania National Guard.

33 (iii) A reserve force of the United States Armed
34 Forces.

35 (2) A member specified under paragraph (1) who was

1 killed in the active line of duty.

2 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a public
3 school within this Commonwealth, where a resident of this
4 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
5 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the
6 requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public
7 Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

8 "Program." The Purple Star School Program established under
9 section 1503-K(a).

10 "Public school." A school district, charter school, regional
11 charter school or area career and technical school.

12 Section 1503-K. Purple Star School Program.

13 (a) Establishment.--The Purple Star School Program is
14 established within the department.

15 (b) Designation.--The department shall designate a public
16 school or nonpublic school as a purple star school if the public
17 school or nonpublic school applies and qualifies for the
18 designation under the program.

19 Section 1504-K. Qualifications for public schools.

20 (a) Qualifications.--In order to qualify for the designation
21 as a purple star school, a public school shall do all of the
22 following:

23 (1) Submit an application to the department certifying
24 that the public school meets all of the following:

25 (i) The criteria under section 1183.

26 (ii) The program qualifications under this section.

27 (2) Designate a staff member as a military liaison. The
28 military liaison shall have all of the following duties:

29 (i) Identify a military-connected student enrolled
30 at the public school.

31 (ii) Serve as the point of contact between the
32 public school and a military-connected student and the
33 military-connected student's parent or guardian.

34 (iii) Determine appropriate school services
35 available to a military-connected student.

36 (iv) Assist in coordinating school programs relevant
37 to a military-connected student.

38 (3) Maintain an easily accessible web page on the public
39 school's publicly accessible Internet website to provide
40 resources for a military-connected student and the military-
41 connected student's parent or guardian, including information
42 regarding all of the following:

43 (i) Relocation to the public school, enrollment at
44 the public school, registration at the public school and
45 transferring records to the public school.

46 (ii) Academic planning, course sequences and
47 advanced classes available at the public school.

48 (iii) Counseling and other support services
49 available for a military-connected student.

50 (4) Maintain a transition initiative led by students,
51 when appropriate, that assists a military-connected student

1 in transitioning into the public school.

2 (5) Offer professional development for staff members on
3 issues related to military-connected students.

4 (6) Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

5 (i) A resolution showing support for military-
6 connected students and their parents or guardians.

7 (ii) A commemoration of each month honoring active-
8 duty military service members, including relevant events
9 hosted by the public school.

10 (iii) A partnership with a local military
11 installation that provides opportunities for active-duty
12 military service members to volunteer at the public
13 school, speak at a school assembly or host a school field
14 trip.

15 (b) Partnerships.--A public school may partner with another
16 public school to meet any program requirement.

17 Section 1505-K. Qualifications for nonpublic schools.

18 (a) Qualifications.--In order to qualify for the designation
19 as a purple star school, a nonpublic school shall do all of the
20 following:

21 (1) Submit an application to the department certifying
22 that the nonpublic school meets the program qualifications
23 under this section.

24 (2) Designate a staff member as a military liaison. The
25 military liaison shall have all of the following duties:

26 (i) Identify a military-connected student enrolled
27 at the nonpublic school.

28 (ii) Serve as the point of contact between the
29 nonpublic school and a military-connected student and the
30 military-connected student's parent or guardian.

31 (iii) Determine appropriate school services
32 available to a military-connected student.

33 (iv) Assist in coordinating school programs relevant
34 to a military-connected student.

35 (3) Maintain an easily accessible web page on the
36 nonpublic school's publicly accessible Internet website to
37 provide resources for a military-connected student and the
38 military-connected student's parent or guardian, including
39 information regarding all of the following:

40 (i) Relocation to the nonpublic school, enrollment
41 at the nonpublic school, registration at the nonpublic
42 school and transferring records to the nonpublic school.

43 (ii) Academic planning, course sequences and
44 advanced classes available at the nonpublic school.

45 (iii) Counseling and other support services
46 available for a military-connected student.

47 (4) Maintain a transition initiative led by students,
48 when appropriate, that assists a military-connected student
49 in transitioning into the nonpublic school.

50 (5) Offer professional development for staff members on
51 issues related to military-connected students.

1 (6) Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

2 (i) A resolution showing support for military-
3 connected students and their parents or guardians.

4 (ii) A commemoration of each month honoring active-
5 duty military service members, including relevant events
6 hosted by the nonpublic school.

7 (iii) A partnership with a local military
8 installation that provides opportunities for active-duty
9 military service members to volunteer at the nonpublic
10 school, speak at a school assembly or host a school field
11 trip.

12 (b) Partnerships.--A nonpublic school may partner with
13 another nonpublic school to meet any program requirement.

14 Section 1506-K. Regulations.

15 The department shall promulgate regulations as necessary to
16 administer this article.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.