

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1028

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by striking out " in professional
2 employees,"

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 10 and 11, by striking out "a
4 section" and inserting
5 an article

6 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 12 through 19; pages 2 and 3, lines
7 1 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 4; by striking out all of
8 said lines on said pages and inserting

9 ARTICLE XV-K

10 PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM

11 Section 1501-K. Scope of article.

12 This article relates to the Purple Star School Program.

13 Section 1502-K. Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

25 (ii) The Pennsylvania National Guard.

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

27 (2) A member specified under paragraph (1) who was killed in
28 the active line of duty.

29 "Nonpublic school." A nonprofit school, other than a public
30 school within this Commonwealth, where a resident of this
31 Commonwealth may legally fulfill the compulsory school
32 attendance requirements of this act and which meets the
33 requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public

1 Law 88-352, 78 Stat. 241).

2 "Program." The Purple Star School Program established under
3 1503-K(a)

4 "Public school." A school district, charter school, regional
5 charter school or career and technical school.

6 Section 1503-K. Purple Star School Program.

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

9 (b) Designation.--The department shall designate a public
10 school or nonpublic school as a purple star school if the public
11 school or nonpublic school applies and qualifies for the
12 designation under the program.

13 Section 1504-K. Qualifications for public schools.

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

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

19 (i) The criteria under section 1183.

20 (ii) The program qualifications under this section.

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

23 (i) Identify a military-connected student enrolled
24 at the public school.

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

28 (iii) Determine appropriate school services
29 available to a military-connected student.

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

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

37 (i) Relocation to the public school, enrollment at
38 the public school, registration at the public school and
39 transferring records to the public school.

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

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

44 (4) Maintain a transition initiative led by students,
45 when appropriate, that assists a military-connected student
46 in transitioning into the public school.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 Section 1505-K. Qualifications for nonpublic schools.

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

15 (1) Submit an application to the department certifying
16 that the nonpublic school meets the program qualifications
17 under this section.

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

20 (i) Identify a military-connected student enrolled
21 at the nonpublic school.

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

25 (iii) Determine appropriate school services
26 available to a military-connected student.

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

29 (3) Maintain an easily accessible web page on the
30 nonpublic school's publicly accessible Internet website to
31 provide resources for a military-connected student and the
32 military-connected student's parent or guardian, including
33 information regarding all of the following:

34 (i) Relocation to the nonpublic school, enrollment
35 at the nonpublic school, registration at the nonpublic
36 school and transferring records to the nonpublic school.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (iii) A partnership with a local military
2 installation that provides opportunities for active-duty
3 military service members to volunteer at the nonpublic
4 school, speak at a school assembly or host a school field
5 trip.

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

8 Section 1506-K. Regulations.

9 The department shall promulgate regulations as necessary to
10 administer this article.