

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 54

By: Montgomery of the Senate

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10 An Act relating to schools; providing definition;
11 directing the State Department of Education beginning
12 in certain school year to designate a school district
13 campus as a Purple Star Campus; providing eligibility
14 criteria; providing for promulgation of rules;
15 providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 510.3 of Title 70, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. As used in this section, "military-connected student" means
22 a student enrolled in a public school who is a dependent of a
23 current or former member of:

- 24 1. The United States military;
2. The Oklahoma National Guard; or

1 3. A reserve force of the United States military.

2 B. Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the State
3 Department of Education shall designate a school district campus as
4 a Purple Star Campus if the campus applies and qualifies for the
5 designation pursuant to this section.

6 C. To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a school district or
7 individual campus shall:

8 1. Designate a school employee as a military liaison whose
9 duties include:

- 10 a. identifying military-connected students enrolled at
11 the campus,
- 12 b. serving as the point of contact between the campus and
13 military-connected students and their families,
- 14 c. determining appropriate campus services available to
15 military-connected students, and
- 16 d. assisting in coordinating campus programs relevant to
17 military-connected students;

18 2. Maintain on the campus website an easily accessible web page
19 that includes resources for military-connected students and their
20 families including information regarding:

- 21 a. relocation to, enrollment at, registration at and
22 transferring records to the campus,
- 23 b. academic planning, course sequences and advanced
24 classes available at the campus,

1 c. counseling and other support services available for
2 military-connected students enrolled at the campus,
3 and

4 d. the military liaison and his or her duties designated
5 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection;

6 3. Maintain a transition program led by students, where
7 appropriate, that assists military-connected students in
8 transitioning into the campus;

9 4. Offer professional development for school employees on
10 issues related to military-connected students; and

11 5. Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

12 a. a resolution showing support for military-connected
13 students and their families,

14 b. recognition of the Month of the Military Child or
15 Military Family Month with relevant events hosted by
16 the campus, or

17 c. a partnership with a local military installation that
18 provides opportunities for active duty military
19 members to volunteer at the campus, speak at an
20 assembly or host a field trip.

21 D. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
22 implement the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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