

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 54

By: Montgomery of the Senate

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

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

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

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

- 20 1. The United States military;
- 21 2. The Oklahoma National Guard; or
- 22 3. A reserve force of the United States military.

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

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

3 1. Designate a school employee as a military liaison whose
4 duties include:

- 5 a. identifying military-connected students enrolled at
6 the campus,
- 7 b. serving as the point of contact between the campus and
8 military-connected students and their families,
- 9 c. determining appropriate campus services available to
10 military-connected students, and
- 11 d. assisting in coordinating campus programs relevant to
12 military-connected students;

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

- 16 a. relocation to, enrollment at, registration at and
17 transferring records to the campus,
- 18 b. academic planning, course sequences and advanced
19 classes available at the campus,
- 20 c. counseling and other support services available for
21 military-connected students enrolled at the campus,
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- 23 d. the military liaison and his or her duties designated
24 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection;

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

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

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

7 a. a resolution showing support for military-connected
8 students and their families,

9 b. recognition of the Month of the Military Child or
10 Military Family Month with relevant events hosted by
11 the campus, or

12 c. a partnership with a local military installation that
13 provides opportunities for active duty military
14 members to volunteer at the campus, speak at an
15 assembly or host a field trip.

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

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
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1 Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2021.

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