

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 11, 2021

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 54

By: Montgomery of the Senate

and

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

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

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

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

- 23 1. The United States military;
- 24 2. The Oklahoma National Guard; or
3. A reserve force of the United States military.

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

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

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

9 a. identifying military-connected students enrolled at  
10 the campus,

11 b. serving as the point of contact between the campus and  
12 military-connected students and their families,

13 c. determining appropriate campus services available to  
14 military-connected students, and

15 d. assisting in coordinating campus programs relevant to  
16 military-connected students;

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

20 a. relocation to, enrollment at, registration at and  
21 transferring records to the campus,

22 b. academic planning, course sequences and advanced  
23 classes available at the campus,  
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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.

2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
3 February 11, 2021 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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