

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2860

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; defining term; designating school as a Purple Star Campus; providing qualifications for Purple Star Campus; directing the State Department of Education to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

A. In this section, "military-connected student" shall mean a student enrolled in a public school who is a dependent of a current or former member of:

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

1       B. The State Department of Education shall designate a school  
2 district campus as a Purple Star Campus if the campus applies and  
3 qualifies for the designation under this section.

4       C. To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a campus shall:

5       1. Designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties  
6 include:

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

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

- 18           a. relocation to, enrollment at, registration at, and  
19           transferring records to the campus,
- 20           b. academic planning, course sequences, and advanced  
21           classes available at the campus,
- 22           c. counseling and other support services available for  
23           military-connected students enrolled at the campus,  
24           and

d. the military liaison designated under paragraph 1 of this subsection;

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

4. Offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and

5. Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

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

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

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

D. The State Department of Education shall promulgate rules as necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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