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HOUSE BILL NO. 390

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIFFITH.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 171, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to purple star school districts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 171, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 171.195, to read as follows:

171.195. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Military-connected student", a student who is a dependent of a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as such term is defined in section 41.030, or a student who was a dependent of a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was killed in the line of duty;

(2) "School district", the same meaning as provided in section 160.011.

2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall designate a school district as a "purple star school district" if the school district applies for the designation, using a standardized form to be designed and published by the department, and qualifies for the designation under subsection 3 of this section.

3. To qualify for a purple star school district designation, a school district shall:

(1) Designate a staff member as a military liaison assigned to the following duties:

(a) Identifying military-connected students enrolled in the school district;

(b) Serving as the point of contact between the school district and military-connected students and their families;

(c) Determining appropriate school district services available to military-connected students; and

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (d) Assisting in the coordination of school district programs relevant to
19 military-connected students;

20 (2) Maintain on the school district website an easily accessible webpage that
21 includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including, but not
22 limited to, information relating to:

23 (a) Relocation to the school district;

24 (b) Enrollment and registration in the school district;

25 (c) Transferring records to the school district;

26 (d) Academic planning, course sequencing, and advanced classes available in the
27 school district;

28 (e) Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students
29 enrolled in the school district; and

30 (f) The school district's military liaison designated under subdivision (1) of this
31 subsection and the duties of such military liaison;

32 (3) Maintain a transition program, led by students when appropriate, that assists
33 military-connected students in transitioning to the school district;

34 (4) Offer professional development for teachers and staff members on issues related
35 to military-connected students; and

36 (5) Complete at least one of the following activities:

37 (a) Pass an official resolution on behalf of the school district expressing support for
38 military-connected students and their families;

39 (b) Recognize a "month of the military child" or a "military family month" with
40 relevant events hosted by the school district; or

41 (c) Partner with a local military installation to provide opportunities for active-duty
42 military members to volunteer on the campus of the school district, to speak at an assembly
43 on the campus of the school district, or to host a field trip on the grounds of the military
44 installation or at a relevant military-related site.

45 4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate all
46 necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section and shall develop and
47 implement all necessary procedures for verifying a school district's qualification under
48 subsection 3 of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
49 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective
50 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
51 applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of
52 the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay
53 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held

54 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**
55 **after August 28, 2021, shall be invalid and void.**

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