

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1299

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 site or certain charter school site as a Purple Star  
10 School; providing eligibility criteria; providing for  
11 promulgation of rules; providing for codification;  
12 and providing an 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 school district or charter school  
19 established pursuant to Section 3-132 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
20 Statutes who:

21 1. Is a dependent of a current or former member of the United  
22 States military, the Oklahoma National Guard or a reserve force of  
23 the United States military; or  
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1           2. Was a dependent of a member of the United States military,  
2 the Oklahoma National Guard or a reserve force of the United States  
3 military who was killed in the line of duty.

4           B. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the State  
5 Department of Education shall designate a school district site or  
6 charter school site as a Purple Star School if the site applies and  
7 qualifies for the designation pursuant to this section.

8           C. To qualify as a Purple Star School, a school district site  
9 or charter school site shall:

10          1. Designate a school employee as a military liaison whose  
11 duties include:

- 12           a. identifying military-connected students enrolled at  
13           the school who are designated with a military student  
14           identifier as provided for in Section 3-168 of Title  
15           70 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 16           b. serving as the point of contact between the school and  
17           military-connected students and their families,
- 18           c. determining appropriate school services available to  
19           military-connected students, and
- 20           d. assisting in coordinating school programs relevant to  
21           military-connected students;

22          2. Maintain on the school's website an easily accessible web  
23 page that includes resources for military-connected students and  
24 their families including information regarding:

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

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

4. Offer professional development for school employees 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 held at the school site, or
- c. a partnership with a local military installation that provides opportunities for active duty military members to volunteer at the school site, speak at an assembly or host a field trip.

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

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

4 Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 2020.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
9 2020.

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