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HOUSE BILL 24-1076

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CREATING A PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
102 **THAT PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES TO MILITARY-CONNECTED**
103 **FAMILIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
104 **APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the purple star school program (program) in the department of education (department). The purpose of the program is to designate schools of a school district, district charter schools, institute

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charter schools, or boards of cooperative services (public schools) that provide services and supports to military-connected students and their families to help mitigate the academic and social-emotional challenges they may face as a result of frequent moves, new schools, parental deployments, and different social circles and experiences.

The department is required to create:

- An application for a public school to apply for a purple star school designation;
- A rubric to measure whether a public school qualifies for a purple star school designation; and
- A timeline for a public school to apply for and to renew the purple star school designation.

The department shall designate a public school as a purple star school if the public school applies and qualifies for the designation.

During the first week of April each year, the governor, or the governor's designee, shall recognize each purple star school and present the purple star schools with a certificate.

A purple star school designation is valid for 3 years.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-144 as
3 follows:

4 **22-1-144. Purple star school program - creation - rules -**
5 **definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES" OR "BOCES" MEANS A
8 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED AND OPERATING PURSUANT
9 TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22.

10 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
11 CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-115.

12 (c) "MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT" MEANS A STUDENT
13 ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT CHARTER
14 SCHOOL, INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL, OR BOCES WHO IS A DEPENDENT
15 OF A:

1 (I) CURRENT OR FORMER MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES
2 MILITARY;

3 (II) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVE-DUTY
4 SERVICE MEMBER;

5 (III) COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER;

6 (IV) UNITED STATES MILITARY RESERVES MEMBER; OR

7 (V) MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, COLORADO
8 NATIONAL GUARD, OR UNITED STATES MILITARY RESERVES KILLED IN THE
9 LINE OF DUTY.

10 (d) "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A
11 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART
12 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY
13 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE
14 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, OR A BOCES.

15 (e) "PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS THE
16 PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
17 SECTION.

18 (2) (a) THE PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM IS CREATED IN THE
19 DEPARTMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO DESIGNATE AS PURPLE
20 STAR SCHOOLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS
21 TO MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO MITIGATE
22 ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES RELATED TO FREQUENT
23 MOVES, NEW SCHOOLS, PARENTAL DEPLOYMENTS, AND DIFFERENT SOCIAL
24 CIRCLES AND EXPERIENCES.

25 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE:

26 (I) AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR A PURPLE
27 STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION;

1 (II) A RUBRIC TO MEASURE WHETHER A PUBLIC SCHOOL QUALIFIES
2 FOR A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION, WHICH MUST IDENTIFY:

3 (A) THE REQUIRED PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION STEPS THAT
4 CORRESPOND TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

5 (B) EVALUATION CRITERIA TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO A PUBLIC
6 SCHOOL ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S READINESS TO IMPLEMENT THE
7 PROGRAM; AND

8 (III) A TIMELINE FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO APPLY FOR AND TO
9 RENEW THE PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION.

10 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A
11 PURPLE STAR SCHOOL IF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL APPLIES AND QUALIFIES FOR
12 THE DESIGNATION PURSUANT TO THE RUBRIC DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
13 (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

14 (3) (a) TO QUALIFY AS A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL, A PUBLIC SCHOOL
15 SHALL:

16 (I) DESIGNATE A STAFF MEMBER AS A MILITARY LIAISON, WHO
17 SHALL PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

18 (A) IDENTIFY MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL;

20 (B) SERVE AS THE POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL CAMPUS AND MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND THEIR
22 FAMILIES;

23 (C) DETERMINE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO
24 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS; AND

25 (D) DETERMINE WHETHER MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS HAVE
26 ACCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNSELING SERVICES, MENTORSHIP
27 SERVICES, VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES;

1 (II) CREATE AND MAINTAIN ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AN
2 ACCESSIBLE WEB PAGE THAT INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR
3 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE
4 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

5 (A) HOW TO RELOCATE TO, ENROLL IN, REGISTER FOR, AND
6 TRANSFER RECORDS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL;

7 (B) ACADEMIC PLANNING, COURSE SEQUENCES, AND ADVANCED
8 COURSES AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL;

9 (C) COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR
10 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND

11 (D) THE NAME OF THE DESIGNATED MILITARY LIAISON FOR THE
12 PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE MILITARY LIAISON'S DUTIES AS DESCRIBED IN
13 SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION;

14 (III) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A STUDENT-LED TRANSITION
15 PROGRAM THAT ASSISTS MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS WHO ARE
16 RELOCATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL;

17 (IV) OFFER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS AND
18 STAFF ON ISSUES RELATED TO MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS; AND

19 (V) OFFER AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES:

20 (A) A PUBLIC SCHOOL RESOLUTION PUBLISHED ON THE PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL'S WEBSITE SHOWING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED
22 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

23 (B) CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL AND NOVEMBER TO RECOGNIZE
24 MILITARY CHILDREN AND MILITARY FAMILIES, WITH ASSOCIATED EVENTS
25 HOSTED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL;

26 (C) A PARTNERSHIP WITH A LOCAL MILITARY INSTALLATION THAT
27 FACILITATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER ON

1 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CAMPUS, SPEAK AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, OR
2 HOST A FIELD TRIP; OR

3 (D) STUDENT-DRIVEN CLUBS AND GROUPS THAT SHOW
4 COMMUNITY-FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS
5 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

6 (b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL CRITERIA TO
7 IDENTIFY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING
8 MILITARY-CONNECTED FAMILIES, INCLUDING:

9 (I) HOSTING AN ANNUAL MILITARY RECOGNITION EVENT;

10 (II) PARTNERING WITH A SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER
11 FROM A MILITARY INSTALLATION;

12 (III) SUPPORTING PROJECTS THAT CONNECT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 TO THE MILITARY COMMUNITY; OR

14 (IV) PROVIDING OUTREACH TO MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS
15 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

16 (4) DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL EACH YEAR, THE
17 GOVERNOR, OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL RECOGNIZE EACH
18 PURPLE STAR SCHOOL AND PRESENT THE PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS WITH A
19 CERTIFICATE.

20 (5) A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL DESIGNATION IS VALID FOR THREE
21 YEARS.

22 (6) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES FOR THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

24 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
25 \$33,247 is appropriated to the department of education. This
26 appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that
27 the department will require an additional 0.3 FTE. To implement this act,

1 the department may use this appropriation as follows:

2 (a) \$14,364 for general department and program administration,
3 which amount is based on an assumption that the department will require
4 an additional 0.1 FTE; and

5 (b) \$18,883 for grants administration, which amount is based on
6 an assumption that the department will require an additional 0.2 FTE.

7 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
10 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
11 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
12 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
13 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
14 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.