

HOUSE BILL 277

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Purple Star Schools Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Purple Star Schools Program to recognize public
4 schools that provide strong services and support for military-connected students and
5 their families; and generally relating to the Purple Star Schools Program.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Education

8 Section 7–129

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Education**

14 **7–129.**

15 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
16 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) “MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT” MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS A
2 DEPENDENT OF:

3 (I) A CURRENT ~~OR FORMER~~ MEMBER OF:

4 1. THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVING IN THE
5 ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD ON ACTIVE DUTY;

6 2. THE MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD; OR

7 3. A RESERVE FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES
8 MILITARY; OR

9 (II) A MEMBER OF A MILITARY OR RESERVE FORCE DESCRIBED
10 IN ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH WHO WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

11 (3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

12 (B) (1) THERE IS A PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM.

13 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO RECOGNIZE PUBLIC
14 SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE STRONG SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR
15 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHEN, AS A RESULT OF
16 MILITARY SERVICE, A MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENT TRANSFERS SCHOOLS.

17 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

18 (2) ~~THE~~ SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL IF
20 THE SCHOOL APPLIES AND QUALIFIES FOR THE DESIGNATION UNDER SUBSECTION
21 (D) OF THIS SECTION MEETS THE CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR A
22 PURPLE STAR SCHOOL.

23 (D) ~~TO QUALIFY AS A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL, A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL~~ AT
24 A MINIMUM, THE DEPARTMENT’S CRITERIA FOR A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL SHALL
25 REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO:

26 (1) DESIGNATE A STAFF MEMBER AS A MILITARY LIAISON, WHOSE
27 DUTIES SHALL INCLUDE:

28 (I) IDENTIFYING MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS WHO ARE
29 NEWLY ENROLLED OR SOON TO BE ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL;

1 (II) SERVING AS THE POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE
2 SCHOOL AND NEWLY ENROLLED OR SOON TO BE ENROLLED MILITARY-CONNECTED
3 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

4 (III) DETERMINING APPROPRIATE SCHOOL SERVICES
5 AVAILABLE TO NEWLY ENROLLED OR SOON TO BE ENROLLED
6 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS; ~~AND~~

7 (IV) ASSISTING IN COORDINATING SCHOOL PROGRAMS
8 ~~RELEVANT TO~~ FOR NEWLY ENROLLED OR SOON TO BE ENROLLED
9 MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS; AND

10 (V) GENERALLY AIDING WITH A MILITARY-CONNECTED
11 STUDENT'S TRANSITION TO A NEW SCHOOL;

12 (2) ESTABLISH ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE
13 WEBPAGE THAT INCLUDES RESOURCES FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND
14 THEIR FAMILIES, INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING:

15 (I) RELOCATION TO, ENROLLMENT AT, REGISTRATION AT, AND
16 TRANSFERRING RECORDS TO THE SCHOOL;

17 (II) ACADEMIC PLANNING, COURSE SEQUENCES, AND
18 ADVANCED CLASSES AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL; AND

19 (III) COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE
20 FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS TRANSITIONING INTO THE SCHOOL;

21 (3) MAINTAIN A TRANSITION PROGRAM LED BY STUDENTS, IF
22 APPROPRIATE, THAT ASSISTS MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE
23 SCHOOL; AND

24 (4) OFFER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STAFF MEMBERS ON
25 ISSUES RELATED TO MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO NEW
26 SCHOOLS; ~~AND~~

27 ~~(5) OFFER AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES:~~

28 ~~(I) A RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT FOR~~
29 ~~MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES;~~

30 ~~(II) RECOGNITION OF THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD OR~~
31 ~~MILITARY FAMILY MONTH WITH RELEVANT EVENTS HOSTED BY THE SCHOOL; OR~~

~~(H) A PARTNERSHIP WITH A LOCAL MILITARY INSTALLATION THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE SCHOOL, SPEAK AT A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, OR HOST A FIELD TRIP.~~

(E) A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY BOARD TO FULFILL ~~THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS~~ THE DEPARTMENT’S CRITERIA TO QUALIFY AS A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION:~~

~~(1) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WEBPAGE UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION;~~

~~(2) THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(4) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(3) THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INITIATIVE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D)(5) OF THIS SECTION.~~

(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.