

**SB 5367** - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Education

**NOT CONSIDERED 12/23/2019**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1)(a) The purple star award is created to recognize military  
6 friendly schools that show a commitment to students and families  
7 connected to the nation's military. Schools that earn the award will  
8 receive a special purple star recognition to display on site. The  
9 state council must consider a school for the purple star award if it  
10 applies and completes all the required activities and at least one  
11 optional activity listed in this section.

12 (b) A school must complete the following required activities to  
13 be considered to receive the purple star award:

14 (i) The school must have a staff point of contact for military  
15 students and families. The school staff point of contact must:

16 (A) Work jointly with the state military family education liaison  
17 under RCW 28A.705.010, article VIII to serve military families;

18 (B) Serve as the primary liaison between military families and  
19 the school;

20 (C) Complete professional development on special considerations  
21 for military students and families under relevant state and federal  
22 law; and

23 (D) Identify and inform teachers of military-connected students  
24 in their classrooms and the special considerations military families  
25 and students should receive under the interstate compact on  
26 educational opportunity for military children under RCW 28A.705.010;  
27 and

28 (ii) The school maintains a dedicated page on its web site  
29 featuring resources for military families. The web site may provide a  
30 link to a military student mentoring program.

31 (c) A school must complete at least one of the following optional  
32 activities to be considered to receive the purple star award:

1 (i) The school provides professional development for additional  
2 staff on special considerations for military students and families;

3 (ii) The local school district board of directors passes a  
4 resolution publicizing the school's support for military children and  
5 families; or

6 (iii) The school hosts a military recognition event that  
7 demonstrates a military friendly culture.

8 (2) To be considered for a purple star award, a school or a  
9 school district on behalf of the school, must submit an application  
10 to the state council.

11 (3) The state council must:

12 (a) Create a simple application for a school or school district  
13 to submit for consideration to receive a purple star award. The  
14 application must require evidence of meeting each of the required  
15 activities under subsection (1)(b) of this section and at least one  
16 optional activity under subsection (1)(c) of this section necessary  
17 to receive the purple star award;

18 (b) Establish a timeline for submittal of an application for  
19 consideration and for announcement of the award recipients;

20 (c) Create criteria to use when reviewing the applications  
21 received and determining which school or schools receive the award;  
22 and

23 (d) Determine whether there is a limited or unlimited number of  
24 awards given every two years and whether a school that receives the  
25 award is eligible to apply again in subsequent years.

26 (4) The purple star award shall be awarded every two years,  
27 beginning in 2020.

28 (5) For the purposes of this section, "the state council" means  
29 the state council created under RCW 28A.705.010, article VIII of the  
30 interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children."

31 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Specifies that the military family resources web site  
page that a school must maintain to be eligible for the purple star  
award may provide a link to a military student mentoring program.

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