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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1346**

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**By** House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Shavers, Berry, Couture, Leavitt, Morgan, Simmons, Timmons, Lekanoff, Paul, and Donaghy)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the purple star award; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28A.625 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

6 (1)(a) The purple star award is created to recognize school  
7 districts and schools that demonstrate educational and social-  
8 emotional supports to students of military service members as they  
9 face transitions to a new school. School districts that earn the  
10 award will receive a special purple star recognition to display on  
11 site. The office of the superintendent of public instruction may  
12 collaborate with a state agency or nonprofit organization that has  
13 experience serving the needs of a diverse K-12 population to  
14 establish and administer the award. A school district must be  
15 considered for the purple star award if it applies and completes all  
16 the required activities and at least one optional activity listed in  
17 this section.

18 (b) A school district must complete the following required  
19 activities to be considered to receive the purple star award:

20 (i) The school district must have a staff point of contact for  
21 military students and families. The staff point of contact must:

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

3 (B) Serve as the primary liaison between military families and  
4 the school district;

5 (C) Complete professional development on special considerations  
6 for military students and families under relevant state and federal  
7 law; and

8 (D) Identify and inform teachers of military-connected students  
9 in their classrooms and the special considerations military families  
10 and students should receive under the interstate compact on  
11 educational opportunity for military children under RCW 28A.705.010;  
12 and

13 (ii) The school district maintains a dedicated page on its  
14 website featuring resources for military families.

15 (c) A school district must complete at least one of the following  
16 optional activities to be considered to receive the purple star  
17 award:

18 (i) The school district provides professional development for  
19 additional staff on special considerations for military students and  
20 families;

21 (ii) The school district board of directors passes a resolution  
22 publicizing the school district's support for military children and  
23 families; or

24 (iii) The school district hosts a military recognition event that  
25 demonstrates a military friendly culture.

26 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must  
27 make available on its website:

28 (a) A simple application for a school district to submit for  
29 consideration to receive a purple star award. The application must  
30 require evidence of meeting each of the required activities under  
31 subsection (1)(b) of this section and at least one optional activity  
32 under subsection (1)(c) of this section necessary to receive the  
33 purple star award;

34 (b) A timeline for submittal of an application for consideration  
35 and for announcement of the award recipients; and

36 (c) The criteria being used to review the applications received  
37 and determine which school districts receive the award.

38 (3) The purple star award shall be awarded every two years,  
39 beginning in 2024.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    If specific funding for the purposes of  
2 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
3 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus operating appropriations  
4 act, this act is null and void.

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