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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5071

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by
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1   AN ACT Relating to creating the purple star designation; adding a
2   new 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 designation is created to recognize school
7   districts that demonstrate educational and social-emotional supports
8   to students of military service members as they face transitions to a
9   new school. School districts that earn the designation will receive a
10   special purple star recognition to display on site. The office of the
11   superintendent of public instruction may collaborate with a state
12   agency or nonprofit organization that has experience serving the
13   needs of a diverse K-12 population to establish and administer the
14   designation. A school district must be considered for the purple star
15   designation if it applies and completes all the required activities
16   and at least one optional activity listed in this section.
17   (b) A school district must complete the following required
18   activities to be considered to receive the purple star designation:
19   (i) The school district must have a staff point of contact for
20   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 designation:
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 designation. The application
30 must require evidence of meeting each of the required activities
31 under subsection (1)(b) of this section and at least one optional
32 activity under subsection (1)(c) of this section necessary to receive
33 the purple star designation;
34 (b) A timeline for submittal of an application for consideration
35 and for announcement of the recipients; and
36 (c) The criteria being used to review the applications received
37 and determine which school districts receive the designation.
38 (3) The purple star designation 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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