

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1346**

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68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

SCHOOL DISTRICTS—PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House April 13, 2023  
Yeas 94 Nays 2

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 15, 2023 1:38 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1346** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 16, 2023

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/23.

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 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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Passed by the Senate April 5, 2023.

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