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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Nobles, Wagoner, Conway, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovick, Randall, Salomon, Shewmake, Stanford, Trudeau, Wellman, C. Wilson, J. Wilson, and L. Wilson)

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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 including training on the exceptional family member program;

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 (E) Work closely with the school district's section 504
14 coordinator or the school district's special education services
15 division; and

16 (ii) The school district maintains a dedicated page on its
17 website featuring resources for military families. The web page must
18 include disability-related resources for military families.

19 (c) A school district must complete at least one of the following
20 optional activities to be considered to receive the purple star
21 designation:

22 (i) The school district provides professional development for
23 additional staff on special considerations for military students and
24 families;

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

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

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

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

38 (b) A timeline for submittal of an application for consideration
39 and for announcement of the recipients; and

1 (c) The criteria being used to review the applications received
2 and determine which school districts receive the designation.

3 (3) The purple star designation shall be awarded every two years,
4 beginning in 2024.

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

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