
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5762

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By Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Wagoner, Lovick, and Nobles)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/22.

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 military
7 friendly schools that show a commitment to students and families
8 connected to the nation's military. Schools that earn the award will
9 receive a special purple star recognition to display on site. The
10 office of the superintendent of public instruction may collaborate
11 with a state agency or nonprofit organization that has experience
12 serving military-connected students and families to administer the
13 award. A school must be considered for the purple star award if it
14 applies and completes all the required activities and at least one
15 optional activity listed in this section.

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

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

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

1 (B) Serve as the primary liaison between military families and
2 the school;

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

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

11 (ii) The school maintains a dedicated page on its website
12 featuring resources for military families.

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

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

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

20 (iii) The school hosts a military recognition event that
21 demonstrates a military friendly culture.

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

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

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

32 (c) The criteria being used to review the applications received
33 and determine which school or schools receive the award.

34 (3) The purple star award shall be awarded every two years,
35 beginning in 2023.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of
37 section 1 of this act, referencing section 1 of this act by bill or
38 chapter number and section number, is not provided by June 30, 2022,

1 in the omnibus operating appropriations act, section 1 of this act is
2 null and void.

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