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Introduced by M. of A. BURDICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing the commissioner of education to implement a purple star schools program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 305 of the education law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 59 to read as follows:

3 59. The commissioner shall establish a "purple star schools program"
4 to recognize schools and school districts which demonstrate a commitment
5 to assisting military-connected students and their families.

6 a. The commissioner, or his or her designee, shall designate a school
7 as a "purple star school" upon application of a school or school
8 district which:

9 (i) has designated a staff member as a military liaison whose duties
10 include: (A) identifying military-connected students enrolled in the
11 district; (B) serving as the point of contact between the school or
12 school district and such students; (C) determining appropriate campus
13 services available to military-connected students; and (D) assisting in
14 coordinating campus programs relevant to military-connected students;

15 (ii) maintains on its website an easily accessible page that includes
16 resources for military-connected students and their families, including
17 information regarding: (A) relocation to, enrollment at, registration
18 at, and transferring records to the campus; (B) academic planning,
19 course sequences, and advanced classes available at the campus; (C)
20 counseling and other support services available for military-connected
21 students enrolled at the campus; (D) the military liaison designated
22 under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, and the liaison's duties under
23 such subparagraph; and (E) the state military family education liaison
24 designated pursuant to section thirty-three hundred eight of this chap-
25 ter;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (iii) maintains a transition program led by students, where appropri-
2 ate, that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the
3 campus;

4 (iv) offers professional development for staff members on issues
5 related to military-connected students;

6 (v) for purposes of monitoring academic progress of military-connected
7 students, includes an identifier on the student record of a military-
8 connected student and include in the basic educational data system
9 reports (BEDS), the number of military-connected students enrolled in
10 such school or school district; and

11 (vi) the board of education or other person or entity authorized to
12 act on behalf of the school or school district has either: (A) issued a
13 resolution, proclamation, or other official statement of support for
14 military-connected students and their families; or (B) issued a resol-
15 ution, proclamation, or other official statement recognizing the month
16 of April as the "month of the military child" and/or the month of Novem-
17 ber as "military family month" and has hosted events on campus celebrat-
18 ing either or both; or (C) entered into a partnership with a military
19 installation, national guard armory or reserve center that provides
20 opportunities for military members to volunteer at the campus, speak at
21 an assembly, host a field trip, or participate in such other educational
22 activities as the commissioner or his or her designee deem appropriate.

23 b. A school or school district may partner with a third party to
24 provide those services and initiatives specified under paragraph a of
25 this subdivision.

26 c. The commissioner may promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of
27 this subdivision.

28 d. As used in this subdivision, "military-connected student" means a
29 school-aged child enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade in the
30 household of an active duty member of the United States military, a
31 reserve force of the United States military, the organized militia of
32 this state or any other state.

33 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.