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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to advance enrollment of military-connected students

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

Section 1. Subdivision 18 of section 3302 of the education law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 328 of the laws of 2014, is amended and a new subdivision 20 is added to read as follows:

18. "Uniformed service" or "uniformed services" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps **(including Space Force)**, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services.

20. The term "military-connected student" shall mean a student who is the dependent of either a person in the active military service of the United States or in a full time status during active service with a force of the organized militia.

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3304-a to read as follows:

§ 3304-a. Military-connected students; advance enrollment. A military-connected student whose parent or guardian is being relocated to the state under military orders and is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state, shall be deemed to be a resident pupil of a school district for the purposes of enrollment pursuant to section three thousand two hundred two of this title. A school district shall permit military-connected students to enroll preliminarily by remote registration without charge and shall not require the parents or guardians of the military-connected student or the student himself or herself to physically appear at a location within the district to register the student, if the parents or guardians present evidence of military orders that a parent or guardian will be stationed

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

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in this state during the current or following school year. The parents or guardians may use an address within the school district where the military-connected student is to be enrolled of a temporary on-base billeting facility, a purchased or leased home or apartment, or federal government or public-private venture off-base military housing. Proof of required residency shall not be required at the time of the remote registration but shall be required within ten days of the student's attendance in the school district.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.