

THE STATE SCHOOL AID ACT OF 1979 (EXCERPT)
Act 94 of 1979

***** 388.1631cc.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022 *****

388.1631cc.added Purple star program.

Sec. 31cc. (1) Subject to subsection (2), from the general fund money appropriated under section 11, \$1,105,000.00 is allocated for 2022-2023 only to the department to, by not later than January 1, 2023, create and begin administration of the purple star program as described in this section.

(2) The purple star program described in subsection (1) must include, at a minimum, both of the following:

(a) An application process for a district or intermediate district to apply to receive purple-star-program-school designation.

(b) A process for the designation of districts and intermediate districts that, at a minimum, meet the criteria under subsection (3), as purple-star-program schools.

(3) A district or intermediate district that meets at least all of the following qualifies for purple-star-program-school designation under subsection (2):

(a) It designates a staff member of the district or intermediate district as a military liaison. The military liaison described in this subdivision must be charged with, at a minimum, all of the following:

(i) Identifying military-connected pupils enrolled in the district or intermediate district.

(ii) Serving as the point of contact between other individuals at the district or intermediate district and military-connected pupils and their families.

(iii) Determining appropriate services available to military-connected pupils.

(iv) Assisting in coordinating programs relevant to military-connected pupils.

(v) Ensuring that military-connected pupils have access to appropriate counseling, mentoring, volunteering opportunities, and support services.

(b) On its website homepage, it maintains an easily accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected pupils and their families that includes at least all of the following information:

(i) Information concerning relocation to, enrollment at, registration at, and the transferring of records to the district or intermediate district.

(ii) Information regarding academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes available at the district or intermediate district.

(iii) Information regarding counseling and other support services available for military-connected pupils enrolled at the district or intermediate district.

(iv) Information concerning the military liaison designated under subdivision (a) and the liaison's duties under that subdivision.

(c) Maintains a transition program led by pupils, where appropriate, that assists military-connected pupils in transitioning to the district or intermediate district.

(d) Offers professional development for staff members of the district or intermediate district on issues related to military-connected pupils. The professional development offered under this subdivision may be provided by a professional educator association in this state.

(e) Offers at least 1 of the following initiatives:

(i) A resolution showing support for military-connected pupils and their families.

(ii) A recognition of a military-connected pupil or the family of a military-connected pupil each month with relevant events connected to this recognition hosted by the district or intermediate district.

(iii) A partnership with a branch of the armed forces that provides opportunities for members of the armed forces to volunteer at the district or intermediate district, speak at an assembly, or host a field trip sponsored by the district or intermediate district.

(iv) Pupil-driven clubs and groups that show community-family engagement for military-connected pupils and their families.

(4) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.

(5) As used in this section:

(a) "Armed forces" means the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard or other military force designated by Congress as a part of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the reserve components. The reserve components include, but are not limited to, the National Guard.

(b) "Military-connected pupil" means a pupil enrolled in a district or intermediate district who meets either of the following:

- (i) Is the family member of a current or former member of the armed forces.
- (ii) Was the family member of an individual who was a member of the armed forces and who was killed in the line of duty.

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