
SENATE BILL 5367

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the purple star award; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 28A.625 RCW.

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 state council must consider a school for the purple star award if it
11 applies and completes all the required activities and at least one
12 optional activity listed in this section.

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

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

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

19 (B) Serve as the primary liaison between military families and
20 the school;

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

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

9 (ii) The school maintains a dedicated page on its web site
10 featuring resources for military families.

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

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

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

18 (iii) The school hosts a military recognition event that
19 demonstrates a military friendly culture.

20 (2) To be considered for a purple star award, a school or a
21 school district on behalf of the school, must submit an application
22 to the state council.

23 (3) The state council must:

24 (a) Create a simple application for a school or school district
25 to 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) Establish a timeline for submittal of an application for
31 consideration and for announcement of the award recipients;

32 (c) Create criteria to use when reviewing the applications
33 received and determining which school or schools receive the award;
34 and

35 (d) Determine whether there is a limited or unlimited number of
36 awards given every two years and whether a school that receives the
37 award is eligible to apply again in subsequent years.

38 (4) The purple star award shall be awarded every two years,
39 beginning in 2020.

1 (5) For the purposes of this section, "the state council" means
2 the state council created under RCW 28A.705.010, article VIII of the
3 interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children.

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