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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5603**

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**By** Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education (originally sponsored by Senators Randall, Wilson, C., Rolfes, O'Ban, Conway, Cleveland, Das, Zeiger, Hobbs, Kuderer, and Nguyen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/13/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to enrollment and course registration access for  
2 children of military families; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 28A.225 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.225  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Children of military families comply with the residency  
8 requirements for school attendance in a school district if their  
9 parent is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation  
10 within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an  
11 official military order.

12 (2) A school district must accept, on a conditional basis,  
13 applications for enrollment and course registration by electronic  
14 means for children of military families who meet the conditions  
15 prescribed in subsection (1) of this section. Upon satisfaction of  
16 the requirement of subsection (3) of this section, the school  
17 district must finalize the enrollment of children of military  
18 families.

19 (3) The parent of a child who meets the conditions prescribed in  
20 subsection (1) of this section must provide proof of residence in the  
21 school district within fourteen days after the published arrival date

1 provided on official documentation. The following addresses may be  
2 used to establish proof of residence for the purposes of this  
3 subsection:

4 (a) A temporary on-base billeting facility;

5 (b) A purchased or leased home or apartment;

6 (c) Federal government or public-private venture off-base  
7 military housing.

8 (4) For purposes of this section:

9 (a) "Active military duty" means full-time duty status in the  
10 active uniformed service of the United States, including members of  
11 the national guard and reserve on active duty orders.

12 (b) "Children of military families" means school aged children,  
13 enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, in the household of  
14 an active duty member.

15 (c) "Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station,  
16 yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under  
17 the jurisdiction of the United States department of defense or the  
18 United States coast guard.

19 (d) "Parent" means the biological or adoptive parent or guardian  
20 of a dependent child.

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