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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing nonresident children from military
2 families to enroll in Washington's public schools prior to arrival in
3 the state; and adding a new section to chapter 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)(a) A child of a military family complies with the residency
8 requirements for enrollment in a school district if a parent of the
9 child is transferred to, or is pending transfer to, a military
10 installation within the state while on active duty pursuant to
11 official military orders.

12 (b) A parent of the child must provide to the school district
13 proof of residence in the school district within fourteen days of the
14 arrival date provided on official military documentation. The parent
15 may use the address of any of the following as proof of residence in
16 the school district:

17 (i) A temporary on-base billeting facility;

18 (ii) A purchased or leased home or apartment; or

19 (iii) Any federal government housing or off-base military
20 housing, including off-base military housing that may be provided
21 through a public-private venture.

1 (2) A school district shall accept, on a conditional basis, an
2 application for enrollment and course registration, including
3 enrollment in a specific school or program within the school
4 district, by electronic means for children of military families who
5 meet the requirements of subsection (1)(a) of this section. Upon
6 satisfaction of the requirements of subsection (1)(b) of this
7 section, the school district shall finalize the enrollment of
8 children of military families.

9 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
10 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

11 (a) "Active duty" has the same meaning as in RCW 28A.705.010.

12 (b) "Child of a military family" and "children of military
13 families" have the same meaning as "children of military families" in
14 RCW 28A.705.010.

15 (c) "Military installation" has the same meaning as in RCW
16 28A.705.010.

17 (d) "Parent" means a parent, guardian, or other person or entity
18 having legal custody of a child of a military family.

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