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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 117

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION AND PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Subchapter II, Chapter 1, Title 14 of the Delaware Code, by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 135. Purple Star Schools.

The Delaware Department Education shall designate a school district campus as a Purple Star Campus if the campus applies and qualifies for the designation under this section.

(a) To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a school or a school district must:

(1) Designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

a. Identifying military-connected students enrolled at the school.

b. Serving as the point of contact between the school and military connected students and their families.

c. Determining appropriate campus services available to military-connected students; and

d. Assisting in coordinating campus programs relevant to military-connected students.

(2) Maintain on the school Internet website an easily accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

a. Relocation to, enrollment at, registration at, and transferring records to the school.

b. Academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes available at the school.

c. Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled at the school;

(3) Maintain a transition program led by students, where appropriate, that assists military connected students in transitioning into the school.

21 (4) Offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military
22 connected students.

23 (5) Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

24 a. A resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families.

25 b. Recognition of the Month of the Military Child or Military Family Month with relevant events
26 hosted by the school.

27 c. A partnership with a local military installation that provides opportunities for active duty
28 military members to volunteer at the campus, speak at an assembly, or host a field trip.

29 (b) The Department shall promulgate rules and regulations to administer this section.

SYNOPSIS

This bill allows schools and school districts to submit an application to the Department of Education to have a school designated as a Purple Star School.

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