***[AN ACT RELATIVE TO MILITARY SPOUSE-LICENSURE PORTABILITY, EDUCATION AND ENROLLMENT OF DEPENDENTS](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2022/Chapter154)* [[2022]](https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2022/Chapter154)**

***Select sections amending Chapter 71 related to public schools.***

**Remote Registration**

SECTION 9. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6A the following section: -

Section 6B. (a) As used in this section, “military-connected student” shall mean a student who is an unemancipated person whose parent or guardian: (i) is in the active military service of the United States; or (ii) is full-time status during active service with the National Guard of any state.

(b) A military-connected student whose parent or guardian is being relocated to the commonwealth under military orders and is transferred to, or is pending transfer to, a military installation within the commonwealth shall be deemed a resident pupil of the applicable school

district for the purposes of enrollment. A school district shall permit a military-connected student

to enroll preliminarily by remote registration without charge and shall not require a parent or

guardian of the military-connected student or the military-connected student to physically appear

at a location within the district to register the student; provided, however, that a parent or

guardian of a military-connected student shall present evidence of military orders that the parent

or guardian will be stationed in the commonwealth during the current or following school year.

To enroll a student, the parent or guardian shall use an address that: (i) is within the school

district where the military-connected student is to be enrolled; and (ii) is either: (A) a temporary

on-base billeting facility; (B) a purchased or leased home or apartment; or (C) federal

government or public-private venture off-base military housing. Proof of residency shall not be required at the time of the remote registration but shall be required not later than 10 days of the

military-connected student’s attendance in the school district.

**Purple Star Designation**

SECTION 13. Said chapter 71 is hereby further amended by adding the following section: -

Section 99 (b) The department shall designate a school as a Purple Star Campus if the school applies and qualifies for the designation under this section.

(c) To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a school shall: (i) designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties shall 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 school services available to military-connected students; and (D) assisting in coordinating school programs relevant to military-connected students; (ii) maintain on the school internet website an easily accessible website that includes

resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

(A) school relocation, enrollment and registration, including the transferring of records; (B)

academic planning, course sequences and advanced classes available at the school; and (C)

counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled at the

school; (iii) maintain a transition program led by students, where appropriate, that assists

military-connected students in transitioning into the school; (iv) offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and (v) offer at least 1 of the following initiatives: (A) a resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families; (B) recognition of the Month of the Military Child or Military Family Month with relevant events hosted by the school; or (C) a partnership with a local military installation that provides opportunities for active-duty military members to volunteer at the school, speak at an assembly or host a field trip.

(d) To comply with subsection (c), a school may partner with the school district to provide: (i) an internet website required under subsection (c) if the school does not have an internet website; (ii) professional development required under said subsection (c); or (iii) an initiative required under subsection (c).

(e) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.