

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CREATING PURPLE STAR PUBLIC  
3 SCHOOLS, WHICH ARE SCHOOLS THAT DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO  
4 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES CONNECTED TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY  
5 OR HONOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF VETERANS AND ACTIVE AND  
6 RESERVE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND THE NATIONAL GUARD.

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

9 SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
10 enacted to read:

11 "PURPLE STAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAM.--

12 A. The department shall develop a "purple star  
13 public schools program" that provides a mechanism for public  
14 schools to ease the transition of students of military  
15 families into new schools by providing academic, social and  
16 emotional support to those students or, for public schools  
17 not located near a military installation, those schools that  
18 want to recognize and celebrate military service and the  
19 accomplishments of active military and veterans.

20 B. A public school that has students from  
21 active-duty military families may apply to the department to  
22 be a purple star public school by:

23 (1) designating school staff as a point of  
24 contact for military-related students and their families and  
25 for the military;

1 (2) providing professional development for  
2 point-of-contact staff;

3 (3) including a page on its school website  
4 that features resources and information for military  
5 families;

6 (4) describing the academic, social and  
7 emotional supports available to assist transitioning military  
8 students; and

9 (5) submitting a resolution to the local  
10 school board supporting military students and the public  
11 school's application to become a purple star public school.

12 C. A public school that does not have students  
13 from active-duty military families may apply to be a purple  
14 star public school by:

15 (1) emphasizing the importance and honor of  
16 military service;

17 (2) recognizing the service to the country  
18 and accomplishments of veterans, active-duty and reserve  
19 military and the national guard in their communities;

20 (3) sponsoring special events recognizing  
21 military service;

22 (4) celebrating students who have committed  
23 to serving in the military; and

24 (5) submitting a resolution to the local  
25 school board supporting students of military families and the

1 public school's application to become a purple star public

2 school." \_\_\_\_\_

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