

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1557  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2019; March 14, 2019, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border  
1-4 Security; April 3, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 3, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Hall	X		
1-11	Johnson	X		
1-12	Lucio	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Schwertner	X		
1-15	Seliger		X	

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1557 By: Lucio

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to military-connected students, including providing a  
1-20 designation for certain school district campuses that take actions  
1-21 to assist those students.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 25.006(d), Education Code, is amended to  
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (d) In this section, "military-connected student" means a  
1-26 student enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter  
1-27 school who:

1-28 (1) is a dependent of a current or former member of:

1-29 (A) ~~[(1)] the United States military [serving in~~  
1-30 ~~the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard on active~~  
1-31 ~~duty];~~

1-32 (B) ~~[(2)] the Texas National Guard; or~~

1-33 (C) ~~[(3)] a reserve force of the United States~~  
1-34 ~~military; or~~

1-35 (2) was a dependent of a member of a military or  
1-36 reserve force described by Subdivision (1) who was killed in the  
1-37 line of duty.

1-38 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
1-39 amended by adding Section 33.909 to read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 33.909. PURPLE STAR CAMPUS. (a) In this section,  
1-41 "military-connected student" has the meaning assigned by Section  
1-42 25.006.

1-43 (b) The agency shall designate a school district campus as a  
1-44 Purple Star Campus if the campus applies and qualifies for the  
1-45 designation under this section.

1-46 (c) To qualify as a Purple Star Campus, a campus must:

1-47 (1) designate a staff member as a military liaison,  
1-48 whose duties include:

1-49 (A) identifying military-connected students  
1-50 enrolled at the campus through the Public Education Information  
1-51 Management System (PEIMS);

1-52 (B) serving as the point of contact between the  
1-53 campus and military-connected students and their families;

1-54 (C) determining appropriate campus services  
1-55 available to military-connected students; and

1-56 (D) assisting in coordinating campus programs  
1-57 relevant to military-connected students;

1-58 (2) maintain on the campus Internet website an easily  
1-59 accessible web page that includes resources for military-connected  
1-60 students and their families, including information regarding:

2-1 (A) relocation to, enrollment at, registration  
2-2 at, and transferring records to the campus;

2-3 (B) academic planning, course sequences, and  
2-4 advanced classes available at the campus;

2-5 (C) counseling and other support services  
2-6 available for military-connected students enrolled at the campus;  
2-7 and

2-8 (D) the military liaison designated under  
2-9 Subdivision (1) and the liaison's duties under that subdivision;

2-10 (3) maintain a transition program led by students,  
2-11 where appropriate, that assists military-connected students in  
2-12 transitioning into the campus;

2-13 (4) offer professional development for staff members  
2-14 on issues related to military-connected students; and

2-15 (5) offer at least one of the following initiatives:

2-16 (A) a resolution showing support for  
2-17 military-connected students and their families;

2-18 (B) recognition of the Month of the Military  
2-19 Child or Military Family Month with relevant events hosted by the  
2-20 campus; or

2-21 (C) a partnership with a local military  
2-22 installation that provides opportunities for active duty military  
2-23 members to volunteer at the campus, speak at an assembly, or host a  
2-24 field trip.

2-25 (d) To comply with a requirement under Subsection (c)(2),  
2-26 (4), or (5), a school district campus may partner with the district  
2-27 to provide:

2-28 (1) an Internet website web page required under  
2-29 Subsection (c)(2) if the campus does not have an Internet website;

2-30 (2) professional development required under  
2-31 Subsection (c)(4); or

2-32 (3) an initiative required under Subsection (c)(5).

2-33 (e) The agency shall adopt rules as necessary to administer  
2-34 this section.

2-35 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
2-36 school year.

2-37 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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