



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1056

Introduced by: **Representative** Deutsch

1 **An Act to authorize the designation of Purple Star schools.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

4 **13-53E-3. Purple Star school--Designation--Rules.**

5 The secretary of education may designate a school as a Purple Star school if:

6 (1) The school designates a staff member to serve as a military liaison and directs the
7 liaison to:

8 (a) Identify military-connected students enrolled in the school; and

9 (b) Serve as a point of contact between the school, community-based support
10 services, and military-connected students and their families;

11 (2) The school provides on its website:

12 (a) The contact information for the military liaison;

13 (b) Information regarding relocation, enrollment, and record transfers between
14 schools for military-connected students;

15 (c) Information regarding academic planning for military-connected students,
16 including course sequences and the availability of advanced placement
17 courses;

18 (d) Information regarding counseling, mentoring, volunteering, support
19 services, and other programs for military-connected students; and

20 (e) Information regarding the interstate compact on educational opportunity
21 for military children, as set forth in chapter 13-53E;

22 (3) The school implements, with the assistance of other students, a program to assist
23 military-connected students in transitioning to the school;

24 (4) The school provides staff development opportunities related to issues and
25 challenges faced by military-connected students; and

26 (5) The school:

- 1 (a) Recognizes and celebrates the month of the military child; or
2 (b) Provides opportunities for military personnel, including veterans, to
3 volunteer at the school, speak at an assembly, provide virtual
4 presentations, or host a field trip.

5 The department of education shall promulgate rules, in accordance with chapter 1-
6 26, to establish the manner in which a school may apply for designation as a purple star
7 school and establish the process, including the statewide rubric, by which the application
8 is to be reviewed and eligibility for the designation determined.

9 For purposes of this section, a military-connected student is a student who is
10 enrolled in an elementary or high school or receiving early childhood services from a school
11 or school district, and either has or had a parent on active duty, on reserve duty, or in the
12 National Guard.

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