

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4027

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1138a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1138a. (1) By not later than January 1, 2026, the
2 department shall create a purple star program that, at a minimum,
3 meets the requirements under subsection (2).

4 (2) The purple star program created under subsection (1) must
5 include, at a minimum, both of the following:

6 (a) An application process for a public school to apply to
7 receive purple-star-program-school designation.

8 (b) A process for the designation of public schools that, at a
9 minimum, meet the criteria under subsection (3), as purple-star-

1 program schools.

2 (3) A public school that meets at least all of the following
3 qualifies for purple-star-program-school designation under
4 subsection (2):

5 (a) It designates a staff member of the public school as a
6 military liaison. The military liaison described in this
7 subdivision must be charged with, at a minimum, all of the
8 following:

9 (i) Identifying military-connected pupils enrolled in the
10 public school.

11 (ii) Serving as the point of contact between other individuals
12 at the public school and military-connected pupils and their
13 families.

14 (iii) Determining appropriate services available to military-
15 connected pupils.

16 (iv) Assisting in coordinating programs relevant to military-
17 connected pupils.

18 (v) Ensuring that military-connected pupils have access to
19 appropriate counseling, mentoring, volunteering opportunities, and
20 support services.

21 (b) On its website homepage, it maintains an easily accessible
22 web page that includes resources for military-connected pupils and
23 their families that includes at least all of the following
24 information:

25 (i) Information concerning relocation to, enrollment at,
26 registration at, and the transferring of records to the public
27 school.

28 (ii) Information regarding academic planning, course sequences,
29 and advanced classes available at the public school.

1 (iii) Information regarding counseling and other support
2 services available for military-connected pupils enrolled at the
3 public school.

4 (iv) Information concerning the military liaison designated
5 under subdivision (a) and the liaison's duties under that
6 subdivision.

7 (c) Maintains a transition program led by pupils, where
8 appropriate, that assists military-connected pupils in
9 transitioning to the public school.

10 (d) Offers professional development for staff members of the
11 public school on issues related to military-connected pupils. The
12 professional development offered under this subdivision may be
13 provided by a professional educator association in this state.

14 (e) Offers at least 1 of the following initiatives:

15 (i) A resolution showing support for military-connected pupils
16 and their families.

17 (ii) A recognition of a military-connected pupil or the family
18 of a military-connected pupil each month with relevant events
19 connected to this recognition hosted by the public school.

20 (iii) A partnership with a branch of the armed forces that
21 provides opportunities for members of the armed forces to volunteer
22 at the public school, speak at an assembly, or host a field trip
23 sponsored by the public school.

24 (iv) Pupil-driven clubs and groups that show community-family
25 engagement for military-connected pupils and their families.

26 (4) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Armed forces" means the United States Army, Air Force,
28 Navy, Marine Corps, Space Force, or Coast Guard or other military
29 force designated by Congress as a part of the Armed Forces of the

1 United States, including the reserve components. The reserve
2 components include, but are not limited to, the National Guard.

3 (b) "Military-connected pupil" means a pupil enrolled in a
4 school district, intermediate school district, or public school
5 academy who meets either of the following:

6 (i) Is the family member of a current or former member of the
7 armed forces.

8 (ii) Was the family member of an individual who was a member of
9 the armed forces and who was killed in the line of duty.