

CHAPTER 193**(HB 469)**

AN ACT relating to Purple Star Schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) *As used in this section:*(a) *"Military-connected student" means a child enrolled in a Kentucky public school who is a dependent of a current or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Kentucky National Guard, or any reserve component thereof; and*(b) *"Purple star school" means any public, private, or public charter school serving any grades of kindergarten through twelfth grade that has committed to supporting the educational and social-emotional needs of military-connected students, as identified by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.*(2) *The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs shall establish the Purple Star School Program and establish an application, review, and designation process for eligible schools.*(3) *To qualify as a purple star school, the school shall:*(a) *Designate a staff member as a military liaison to serve as the point of contact between the school and military-connected students and their families, whose duties shall include:*

1. *Identifying military-connected students enrolled in the school;*
2. *Determining appropriate services available to military-connected students;*
3. *Coordinating programs relevant to military-connected students;*
4. *Assisting military-connected students in transitioning into or out of the school;*
5. *Facilitating optional professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students;*
6. *Completing a Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs purple star school questionnaire to provide feedback for program improvements; and*
7. *Completing Kentucky purple star school self-paced online training events, including military youth in Kentucky;*

(b) *Maintain a web page on the school's website that includes a prominent display of the Kentucky purple star logo provided by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, resources for military-connected students and their families, and information regarding:*

1. *Relocation, enrollment, registration, and transferring records in the school;*
2. *Academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes available;*
3. *Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students enrolled in the school; and*
4. *Contact information for the military liaison designated in this subsection;*

(c) *Host at least one (1) military recognition event annually that connects the school with the military community; and*(d) *Submit an application for designation as a purple star school with the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.***Signed by Governor April 16, 2024.**

