

1 AN ACT relating to Purple Star Schools.

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

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

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Military-connected student" means a child enrolled in a Kentucky public*
7 *school who is a dependent of a current or former member of the Armed*
8 *Forces of the United States, the Kentucky National Guard, or any reserve*
9 *component thereof; and*

10 *(b) "Purple star school" means any public, private, or public charter school*
11 *servicing any grades of kindergarten through twelfth grade that has*
12 *committed to supporting the educational and social-emotional needs of*
13 *military-connected students, as identified by the Kentucky Commission on*
14 *Military Affairs.*

15 *(2) The Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs shall establish the Purple Star*
16 *School Program and establish an application, review, and designation process for*
17 *eligible schools.*

18 *(3) To qualify as a purple star school, the school shall:*

19 *(a) Designate a staff member as a military liaison to serve as the point of*
20 *contact between the school and military-connected students and their*
21 *families, whose duties shall include:*

22 *1. Identifying military-connected students enrolled in the school;*

23 *2. Determining appropriate services available to military-connected*
24 *students;*

25 *3. Coordinating programs relevant to military-connected students;*

26 *4. Assisting military-connected students in transitioning into or out of*
27 *the school;*

- 1 5. Facilitating optional professional development for staff members on
2 issues related to military-connected students;
- 3 6. Completing a Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs purple star
4 school questionnaire to provide feedback for program improvements;
5 and
- 6 7. Completing Kentucky purple star school self-paced online training
7 events, including military youth in Kentucky;
- 8 (b) Maintain a web page on the school's website that includes a prominent
9 display of the Kentucky purple star logo provided by the Kentucky
10 Commission on Military Affairs, resources for military-connected students
11 and their families, and information regarding:
- 12 1. Relocation, enrollment, registration, and transferring records in the
13 school;
- 14 2. Academic planning, course sequences, and advanced classes
15 available;
- 16 3. Counseling and other support services available for military-
17 connected students enrolled in the school; and
- 18 4. Contact information for the military liaison designated in this
19 subsection;
- 20 (c) Host at least one (1) military recognition event annually that connects the
21 school with the military community; and
- 22 (d) Submit an application for designation as a purple star school with the
23 Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs.