
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6775

AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Education, within available appropriations, to develop and promulgate a standardized form so that families seeking to enroll their children in a Connecticut public school may voluntarily identify their children as military-connected students. Under the bill, public schools that enroll such students must connect or offer to connect such families with the Veterans Affairs and the Military departments' resources.

Under the bill, a "military-connected student" is any person under age 21 whose parent or legal guardian is a veteran or a current, retired, or separated member of the armed forces.

A "veteran" is anyone honorably discharged from or released under honorable conditions from active service in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, or any reserve component, including the National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions)(CGS § 27-103(a)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

STANDARDIZED FORM

The standardized form may be completed and submitted to the local or regional school district governing the school in which the student seeks to enroll and must include:

1. the definition of military-connected student,
2. a check box to identify a student seeking to enroll in a school as a military-connected student, and

3. a notice that completing such form is voluntary and is not a condition precedent to enrolling in the school.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/12/2019)