



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 184**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6775

*House of Representatives, March 28, 2019*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. BORER, D. of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) (1) The Department of  
2 Education shall, within available appropriations, develop and  
3 promulgate a standardized form for reporting information identifying  
4 military-connected students who are seeking to enroll in a public  
5 school in this state. For the purposes of this section, "military-  
6 connected student" means any person under twenty-one years of age  
7 whose parent or legal guardian is (A) a current, retired or separated  
8 member of the armed forces, or (B) a veteran; and "armed forces" and  
9 "veteran" have the same meanings as provided in subsection (a) of  
10 section 27-103 of the general statutes.

11 (2) Such form shall include (A) the definition of military-connected  
12 student set forth in this subsection, (B) a check box to identify a person  
13 seeking to enroll in a school as a military-connected student, and (C) a  
14 notice that completing such form is voluntary and is not a condition

15 precedent to enrolling in such public school.

16 (3) Such form may be completed and submitted to the local or  
17 regional school district governing the school in which a person seeks to  
18 enroll.

19 (b) Any public school in this state that enrolls a military-connected  
20 student shall connect or offer to connect the family of such student  
21 with existing resources available from the Department of Veterans  
22 Affairs and the Military Department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Throughout the bill, "child" was changed to "person" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the State Department of Education (SDE) 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, does not result in a fiscal impact as SDE has the staff and expertise necessary to do so.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***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)