



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6483**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-186 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2021*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall furnish, by  
5 transportation or otherwise, school accommodations so that each child  
6 five years of age and over and under twenty-one years of age who is not  
7 a graduate of a high school or technical education and career school may  
8 attend public school, except as provided in section 10-233c and  
9 subsection (d) of section 10-233d. For purposes of establishing the  
10 residency of a child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in  
11 section 27-103, and who is seeking enrollment in a school under the  
12 jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education for a town in which  
13 such child is not yet a resident, such board shall accept the military  
14 orders directing such member to the state, or any other documents such  
15 board may require, as proof of residency. Any board of education which  
16 denies school accommodations, including a denial based on an issue of  
17 residency, to any such child shall inform the parent or guardian of such

18 child or the child, in the case of an emancipated minor, a pupil eighteen  
19 years of age or older or an unaccompanied youth, as described in 42  
20 USC 11434a, as amended from time to time, of his or her right to request  
21 a hearing by the board of education in accordance with the provisions  
22 of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section. A board of education  
23 which has denied school accommodations shall advise the board of  
24 education under whose jurisdiction it claims such child should be  
25 attending school of the denial. For purposes of this section, (1) a "parent  
26 or guardian" shall include a surrogate parent appointed pursuant to  
27 section 10-94g, and (2) a child residing in a dwelling located in more  
28 than one town in this state shall be considered a resident of each town  
29 in which the dwelling is located and may attend school in any one of  
30 such towns. For purposes of this subsection, "dwelling" means a single,  
31 two or three-family house or a condominium unit.

32       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section,  
33 "military-connected student" means a student enrolled in a public  
34 school who (1) is a dependent of a current or former member of the  
35 armed forces, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes, or (2)  
36 was a dependent of a member of the armed forces who was killed in the  
37 line of duty.

38       (b) The State Board of Education shall establish a Purple Star School  
39 Program. The state board shall award a Purple Star School designation  
40 to any school that (1) employs a staff member who serves as a military  
41 liaison for the school and whose duties include (A) identifying military-  
42 connected students enrolled at the school, (B) serving as the point of  
43 contact between the school and military-connected students and their  
44 families, (C) identifying appropriate school services available to  
45 military-connected students, and (D) assisting in coordinating school  
46 programs relevant to military-connected students; (2) compiles and  
47 makes available on the Internet web site for the school, information and  
48 resources available to military-connected students and their families,  
49 including, but not limited to, (A) the registration process for enrollment  
50 and the transferring of student records to the school, (B) academic



