

LC004577

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

SECTION 1. Title 30 of the General Laws entitled "MILITARY AFFAIRS AND
DEFENSE" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

THE MILITARY CHILD ACT

As used in this chapter:

A military-connected student whose parent or guardian is being relocated to this state under military orders and is transferred to or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state, shall be deemed to be a resident pupil of a school system of a city or town for the purposes of enrollment. The Rhode Island board of education shall permit military-connected students to enroll preliminarily by remote registration without charge and shall not require the parents or guardians of the military-connected student or the student to physically appear at a location within the district to register the student, if the parents or guardians present evidence of military orders that a parent

1 or guardian shall be stationed in this state during the current or following school year. The parents
2 or guardians may use an address within the school district where the military-connected student is
3 to be enrolled of a temporary on-base billeting facility, a purchased or leased home or apartment,
4 or federal government or public-private venture off-base military housing. Proof of required
5 residency shall not be required at the time of the remote registration but shall be required within
6 ten (10) days of the student's attendance in the school system of the city or town where the student
7 resides.

8 **30-30.3-4. Open enrollment.**

9 (a) Military-connected students who are the dependent children of a member of the active
10 uniformed military services of the United States on full-time active-duty status and students who
11 are the dependent children of a member of the military reserve on active duty orders shall be eligible
12 for admission to the school district of their choice regardless of the capacity of the district.

13 (b) Students shall be eligible if:

14 (1) At least one parent of the student has a Department of Defense-issued identification
15 card; and

16 (2) At least one parent can provide evidence that the parent shall be on active duty status
17 or active duty orders, meaning the parent shall be temporarily transferred in compliance with
18 official orders to another location in support of combat, contingency operation or a natural disaster
19 requiring the use of orders for more than thirty (30) consecutive days.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would define "military-connected student", "advance enrollment" and "open
2 enrollment" to give the military connected student flexibility in choosing a school district.
3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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