

CHAPTER 2023-160

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 732

An act relating to Collegiate Purple Star Campuses; creating s. 1004.071, F.S.; defining the term “military student”; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules and the Board of Governors to adopt regulations to establish the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses program; specifying program criteria for participating Florida College System institutions, state universities, and career centers; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1004.071, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.071 Collegiate Purple Star Campuses.—

(1) As used in this section, the term “military student” means a student who is:

(a) Enrolled in a Florida College System institution, state university, or career center.

(b) An active duty member or veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a reserve component of any branch of the United States military; or the Florida National Guard; and his or her spouse and dependents.

(2)(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, and the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations, to establish the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses program. At a minimum, the program must require a participating Florida College System institution, state university, or career center to:

1. Designate a staff member as a military liaison.
2. Maintain a web page on the institution’s website which includes resources for military students and their families.
3. Maintain a student-led transition program that assists military students in transitioning to the institution.
4. Offer professional development training opportunities for staff members on issues relating to military students.
5. Provide priority course registration for military students.

(b) The State Board of Education and the Board of Governors may establish additional criteria to identify Florida College System institutions and career centers, or state universities, respectively, that demonstrate a commitment to or provide critical transition supports for military-connected

families, such as hosting an annual military recognition event, partnering with a school liaison officer from a military installation, supporting projects that connect the Florida College System institution, state university, or career center with the military community, and providing outreach for military parents and their children.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2023.

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