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By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.625
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) (a) The purple star designation is created to recognize school
6 districts that demonstrate educational and social-emotional supports
7 to students of military service members as they face transitions to a
8 new school. School districts that earn the designation will receive a
9 special purple star recognition to display on site. The office of the
10 superintendent of public instruction may collaborate with a state
11 agency or nonprofit organization that has experience serving the
12 needs of a diverse K-12 population to establish and administer the
13 designation. A school district must be considered for the purple star
14 designation if it applies and completes all the required activities
15 and at least one optional activity listed in this section.

16 (b) A school district must complete the following required
17 activities to be considered to receive the purple star designation:

18 (i) The school district must have a staff point of contact for
19 military students and families. The staff point of contact must:

20 (A) Work jointly with the state military family education liaison
21 under RCW 28A.705.010, article VIII to serve military families;

22 (B) Serve as the primary liaison between military families and
23 the school district;

24 (C) Complete professional development on special considerations
25 for military students and families under relevant state and federal
26 law; and

27 (D) Identify and inform teachers of military-connected students
28 in their classrooms and the special considerations military families
29 and students should receive under the interstate compact on
30 educational opportunity for military children under RCW 28A.705.010;
31 and

1 (ii) The school district maintains a dedicated page on its
2 website featuring resources for military families.

3 (c) A school district must complete at least one of the following
4 optional activities to be considered to receive the purple star
5 designation:

6 (i) The school district provides professional development for
7 additional staff on special considerations for military students and
8 families;

9 (ii) The school district board of directors passes a resolution
10 publicizing the school district's support for military children and
11 families; or

12 (iii) The school district hosts a military recognition event that
13 demonstrates a military friendly culture.

14 (2) The office of the superintendent of public instruction must
15 make available on its website:

16 (a) A simple application for a school district to submit for
17 consideration to receive a purple star designation. The application
18 must require evidence of meeting each of the required activities
19 under subsection (1)(b) of this section and at least one optional
20 activity under subsection (1)(c) of this section necessary to receive
21 the purple star designation;

22 (b) A timeline for submittal of an application for consideration
23 and for announcement of the recipients; and

24 (c) The criteria being used to review the applications received
25 and determine which school districts receive the designation.

26 (3) The purple star designation shall be awarded every two years,
27 beginning in 2024.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of
29 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
30 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus operating appropriations
31 act, this act is null and void."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "award;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.625 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: (1) Changes the term Purple Star Award to the term Purple Star Designation.

(2) Removes the term "schools" to clarify that the Purple Star Designation is provided to school districts.

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