

General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6775

LCO No. **5134**

Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

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. "Military-connected student" means any child 6 under twenty-one years of age whose parent or legal guardian is (A) a 7 current, retired or separated member of the armed forces, or (B) a 8 veteran. "Armed forces" and "veteran" have the same meanings as 9 provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes.

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

15 (3) Such form may be completed and submitted to the local or

regional school district governing the school in which a child seeks toenroll.

(b) Any public school in this state that enrolls a military-connected
student shall connect or offer to connect the family of such student
with existing resources available from the Department of Veterans
Affairs, the Military Department and qualified veterans' charitable
organizations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October</i> 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To connect certain students enrolled in public schools with certain available resources.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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