



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6775**

January Session, 2019



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

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

16 (3) Such form may be completed and submitted to the local or  
17 regional school district governing the school in which a person seeks to  
18 enroll.

19 (b) Any public school in this state that enrolls a military-connected  
20 student shall connect or offer to connect the family of such student  
21 with existing resources available from the Department of Veterans  
22 Affairs and the Military Department.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1   | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | New section |

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Throughout the bill, "child" was changed to "person" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*