

To Whom it May Concern:

I just retired from the Marine Corps and after 17 moves in twenty five years of service, I appreciate the contents of this Bill, hope it passes into law, and hope that other states will follow suit.

The text of the bill indicates that the Service member(s) may provide student enrollment information upon receipt of official orders, not just upon actual transfer (although they would have to provide proof of residency within 10 days). This would allow parents to register children as soon as a destination is known and avoid the challenges of registration in conjunction with the actual summer transfer (when administrators and other school officials are often not present).

Case in point: I moved back to Oregon in August of 2018 (and had my orders since January of 2018), had already purchased a house in Salem, but was unable to register my kids in the Salem-Keizer School District until after we arrived and the school officials came back to work. I had even come to Oregon on leave in March and tried to register in person, but the rules last year did not allow for that. As a result, my children's schedules in middle school and high school were undecided for the first few days-weeks of school as we sought to correct erroneous placement decisions and to get appropriate/ desired electives.

My kids are fine now, but it sure would have been easier on all of us had they been able to get registered earlier.

Thank you,

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