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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes Purple Star School Program within Department of Education to recognize schools that provide certain support services to military-connected students. Defines "military-connected student." Provides qualifications for school to be designated Purple Star School.

Requires professional licensing board to issue temporary authorization to provide occupational or professional service, or to provide reasons for decision to not issue temporary authorization, to spouse or domestic partner of member of Armed Forces of the United States within 30 days of receiving application.

[*Adds Space Force to definition of Armed Forces of the United States.*]

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the military; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 670.400.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Military-connected student" means a student who:

(A) Is a dependent of a current or former service member; or

(B) Was a dependent of a service member who died while on active duty.

(b) "School" means a public or private institution of learning providing instruction in kindergarten through grade 12, or any combinations of those grade levels.

(c) "Service member" means a member of an active or reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard.

(2) The Purple Star School Program is established within the Department of Education. The department shall designate a school a Purple Star School if the school applies and qualifies under subsection (3) of this section.

(3) To qualify to be designated a Purple Star School, a school shall do the following:

(a) Designate a staff member as a military liaison, whose duties include:

(A) Identifying military-connected students enrolled at the school;

(B) Serving as the point of contact between the campus and military-connected students and their families;

(C) Determining appropriate school services available to military-connected students; and

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- (D) Assisting in coordinating school programs relevant to military-connected students;

(b) Maintain a webpage on the school's publicly accessible website that provides resources for military-connected students and their families, including information regarding:

(A) Relocation, enrollment, registration and transfer of records to the school;

(B) Academic planning, course sequences and available advanced classes;

(C) Counseling and other support services available for military-connected students; and

(D) The school's designated military liaison, including the military liaison's contact information and duties;

(c) Maintain a transition program, led by students where appropriate, that assists military-connected students in transitioning into the school;

(d) Offer professional development for staff members on issues related to military-connected students; and

(e) Offer at least one of the following initiatives:

(A) A resolution showing support for military-connected students and their families;

(B) A recognition each month honoring service members, including relevant events hosted by the school; or

(C) A partnership with a local military installation, armory or facility that provides opportunities for service members to volunteer at the school, speak at an assembly or host a field trip.

MILITARY SPOUSE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE

SECTION 2. ORS 670.400 is amended to read:

670.400. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Occupational or professional service” means a service:

(A) For which an individual must possess a license, certificate or other form of authorization to provide under the laws of this state: and

(B) Over which a professional licensing board has regulatory oversight.

(b) "Professional licensing board" means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies or otherwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.

(2) A professional licensing board shall issue a temporary authorization to provide the occupational or professional service regulated by the professional licensing board to a person who:

35 (a) Is the spouse **or domestic partner** of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
36 who is stationed in this state.

(b) Holds a current authorization to provide the occupational or professional service issued by the state or other licensing board to practice that occupation in the state.

another state and the professional licensing board determines that the other state's authorization requirements are substantially similar to those of the professional licensing board;

40 (c) Provides to the professional licensing board, in a manner determined by the professional li-
41 censing board, sufficient proof that the person is in good standing with the issuing out-of-state pro-
42 fessional licensing board; and

(d) Has demonstrated competency, as determined by the professional licensing board by rule, over the occupational or professional service regulated by the professional licensing board.

(3) A professional licensing board shall within 30 days of receiving an application for a

1 **temporary authorization under this section:**

2 (a) **Issue a temporary authorization; or**

3 (b) **Provide the reasons for a decision not to issue a temporary authorization.**

4 [(3)(a)] (4)(a) A temporary authorization issued under this section is valid until the earliest of

5 the following:

6 (A) Two years after the date of issuance;

7 (B) The date the spouse **or domestic partner** of the person to whom the authorization was is-

8 sued completes the spouse's **or domestic partner's** term of service in this state; or

9 (C) The date the person's authorization issued by another state expires.

10 (b) An authorization issued under this section is not renewable. A person may not continue to

11 provide the occupational or professional service unless the person is issued a full authorization un-

12 der the laws of this state to provide the occupational or professional service.

13 [(4)] (5) A professional licensing board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this sec-

14 tion.

UNIT CAPTIONS

18 **SECTION 3.** The unit captions used in this 2023 Act are provided only for the convenience
19 of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-
20 islative intent in the enactment of this 2023 Act.