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An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, HAGGAN of Penobscot,
STEWART of Aroostook.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5205, sub-§6, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 456, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. Two superintendents may approve the transfer of a student from one school
5 administrative unit to another if:

6 (1) They find that a transfer is in the student's best interest and the student's parent
7 approves; and or

8 (2) ~~The student's parent approves~~ student is a military-connected student under
9 subsection 12 whose parent is currently serving.

10 The superintendents shall notify the commissioner of any transfer approved under this
11 paragraph. If either of the superintendents decides not to approve the transfer, that
12 superintendent shall provide to the parent of the student requesting transfer under this
13 paragraph a written description of the basis of that superintendent's determination.

14 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5205, sub-§12, ¶D** is enacted to read:

15 D. If the residence of a military-connected student changes, the school administrative
16 unit shall:

17 (1) If the military-connected student's parent is currently serving, allow the student
18 to continue the student's education in the student's current school; or

19 (2) If the military-connected student's parent is not currently serving, either:

20 (a) If the student is enrolled in kindergarten to grade 8, allow the student to
21 continue the student's education in the student's current school for the duration
22 of that school year; or

23 (b) If the student is enrolled in grades 9 to 12, allow the student to continue
24 the student's education in the student's current school through graduation.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows school superintendents to approve the transfer of a military-connected
27 student from one school administrative unit to another. It allows a military-connected
28 student who is a kindergarten to grade 8 student and whose residence changes to continue
29 in the student's current school for that school year. It also allows a military-connected
30 student who is a grade 9 to 12 student whose residence changes to continue in the student's
31 current school through graduation.