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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters may report out a bill to the 131st Legislature to continue the grant process or make it permanent.

LD 1705 An Act To Support Maine Students Who Are Dependents of Current or Former Members of the Military

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 248 establishes the Purple Star Schools Program administered by the Department of Education. It provides that:

1. A dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces who has received official military orders to relocate to this State is eligible to apply to a virtual public charter school;
2. A military-connected student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to the State while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order is considered a resident of the school administrative unit in which the address identified by the parent is located; and
3. A spouse or dependent child of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is assigned to duty out of the State immediately following assignment to duty in the State is eligible for in-state tuition and fees at the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System or the Maine Maritime Academy as long as the spouse or dependent child is continuously enrolled in the postsecondary institution.