

Fiscal Note

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Title: MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS &
SCHOOLS
Sponsor: STAPP
Requester: (H) MLV

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: K-12 Aid to School Districts
Allocation: Foundation Program
OMB Component Number: 141

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would amend the public education funding formula to add a new purple heart funding factor of 1.75 for districts in which 75 percent or more of schools were designated as a Purple Star School.

In FY2027, one district may meet the 75 percent purple star school threshold for eligibility, if applications submitted January 2026 are approved. Once the factor is enacted, it is anticipated that districts will work to meet the application requirements and the number of districts eligible for the funding factor will increase. As it is not possible to determine which or how many districts will achieve the purple star designation, due to the financial incentive, the fiscal note assumes all districts will apply to be eligible for funding in FY2028. Purple star school designations are issued in the spring: the district would be eligible for the factor in the following fiscal year.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026 (FY2027).

The funding mechanism is a general fund transfer to the Public Education Fund (PEF). The fiscal note effect for FY2027 through FY2032 is reported in the fiscal note for the PEF, as the funding is deposited to the PEF, not into the Foundation Program funding component. The above analysis is presented here for explanation purposes only.