

Fiscal Note

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

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
Allocation: Student and School Achievement
OMB Component Number: 2796

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				
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services	146.7		146.7	146.7	146.7	146.7	146.7
Travel							
Services	28.8		22.8	22.8	22.8	22.8	22.8
Commodities	5.0						
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	180.5	0.0	169.5	169.5	169.5	169.5	169.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	180.5		169.5	169.5	169.5	169.5	169.5
Total	180.5	0.0	169.5	169.5	169.5	169.5	169.5

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Education and Early Development</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation aims to strengthen educational support and financial resources for students from military families. A primary feature of the bill is the introduction of a Purple Star funding factor, which provides additional state aid to school districts where at least 75% of the schools have earned a Purple Star designation for excellence in supporting military-connected students. By linking financial incentives to this designation, the bill encourages school districts to adopt comprehensive programs that facilitate smoother transitions and better academic environments for children of active-duty service members.

Beyond funding, the bill mandates specific administrative protections to ensure educational continuity for transferring military students. School districts are required to provide comparable accommodations (such as Individual Education Programs or Section 504 plans) immediately upon a student's arrival, with a 30-day window to formally adopt or revise these plans using existing evaluations. Additionally, the legislation empowers the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to oversee these efforts, requiring them to hold annual public forums in military communities and submit progress reports to the legislature. These measures collectively aim to reduce the bureaucratic hurdles that military families often face during frequent relocations.

One Education Specialist 2 at a Range 21, Step B/C, at \$146.7 annually. Ongoing department chargeback costs associated with the position would be \$22.8 annually. A one-time cost of \$5.0 for the position would be needed to purchase necessary equipment and supplies and a one-time cost for regulation updates of \$6.0.

The effective date for this Act is July 1, 2026.