



## SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HOUSE BILL 53

*An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active-duty military members*

House Bill 53 seeks to allow military children with residency outside of the state, but with documentation of a pending military relocation to the state, access to preliminary registration, enrollment, or application to a school district at the time that the process is open to the general student population. Proof of residency is temporarily waived until the student begins school. Once the student begins school their parent or guardian has ten (10) days to provide proof of residency in the school district.

This is important to military school children, especially those in high school. Often classes are filled during the preliminary registration of the students already registered in that school district. For military students who are high school juniors or seniors, and are transferring to a new school district, they may need to take a specific class to complete their requirements. This bill is also important to those students wishing to attend a Charter School through lottery or otherwise, as these schools often fill up quickly and there are deadlines for entering the lottery.



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## SUMMARY OF CHANGE from version A to version B

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House Bill 53: Military Children School Residency Waiver

Version A to B

Page 1, line 12

Changed: "10" to "30"

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(MLV)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Offered: 3/10/21**

**Referred: Education**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MCCARTY, Rauscher, Tuck**

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# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2021 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHB 53(MLV)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/10/2021

Identifier: HB053-EED-SFF-1-18-21  
 Title: MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY  
 WAIVER  
 Sponsor: MCCARTY  
 Requester: House Military & Veterans' Affairs

Department: Department of Education and Early Development  
 Appropriation: Education Support and Administrative Services  
 Allocation: School Finance & Facilities  
 OMB Component Number: 2737

### Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2022	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2022 Request	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
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Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

### Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
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### Change in Revenues

None							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) 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?

### Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Division:	Finance and Support Services	Date:	01/12/2021
Approved By:	Lacey Sanders, Administrative Services Director	Date:	01/23/21
Agency:	Office of Management and Budget		

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1500

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Louise Stutes  
Speaker of the House  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: HB 53 – Military Children School Residency Waiver

Speaker Stutes and Members of the Alaska House of Representatives:

On behalf of military families and the Department of Defense, I am writing to express support for the policy changes proposed in HB 53, a bill that addresses kindergarten through twelfth grade (K-12) enrollment and course registration access for children of military families.

My name is Tammie Perreault and I am the Northwest Regional Liaison for the Defense-State Liaison Office, operating under the direction of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Community and Family Policy. Our mission is to be a resource to state policymakers as they work to address quality of life issues of military families.

Approximately 185,000 U.S. military children move between schools annually. Military service members are routinely reassigned to new duty stations, due to mission and training requirements. As a result of these moves, they may potentially miss their child's school registration and other important application dates that occur in the spring. Long-term negative impacts include having to shift their planned courses of study, which may require them to take courses in summer school, or even force them to graduate later than their peers.

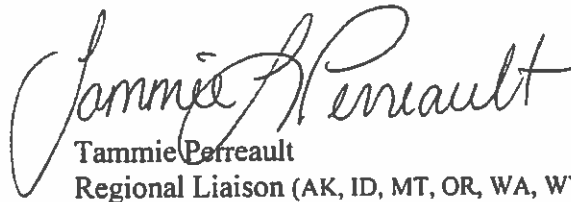
Service members typically receive official military orders detailing their upcoming assignment 30 days to six months prior to their move. Allowing military families to enroll their children in school, register for classes and apply for specialized programs at the same time as their peers, prior to physically arriving to their location, will help to facilitate their uninterrupted educational progress and smooth integration into their new communities, and relieve unneeded stress during their transition between locations.

With nearly 10,000 active duty military school-age children attending school in this state, Alaska is in a unique position to have a positive effect on the educational experiences of military children and families. The intent of this policy is not to offer an advantage or priority over other students, but simply to provide military families access to educational programs and courses at

the same time as their in-state peers. No new online systems are required and there is added benefit to school districts by reducing the discrepancy between projected and actual student enrollment numbers for staffing purposes.

In closing, we are grateful for the tremendous efforts that Alaska has historically made to support our military members and their families. We appreciate the opportunity to support the policy reflected in HB 53. We are especially grateful to Representative McCarty for the introduction of this legislation.

Sincerely,



Tammie Perreault  
Regional Liaison (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)  
Defense-State Liaison Office  
Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Military Community and Family Policy

cc: Chair, House Military and Veterans Affairs  
Chair, House Education Committee  
Representative Ken McCarty