

By Senator Young

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to enrollment of dependent children of
3 active duty military personnel in the Florida Virtual
4 School; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; requiring the
5 Florida Virtual School to give enrollment priority to
6 dependent children of certain active duty military
7 personnel; authorizing the Florida Virtual School to
8 use a specified form to determine residency and to
9 serve specified students directly; providing for
10 funding for certain students; amending s. 1003.05,
11 F.S.; requiring that certain dependent children of
12 active duty military personnel be given first
13 preference for admission to the Florida Virtual
14 School; providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 1002.37,
19 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), paragraph
20 (b) of subsection (1) of that section is amended, and a new
21 subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

22 1002.37 The Florida Virtual School.—

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24 (b) The mission of the Florida Virtual School is to provide
25 students with technology-based educational opportunities to gain
26 the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. The school shall
27 serve any student in the state who meets the profile for success
28 in this educational delivery context and shall give priority to:

29 1. Students who need expanded access to courses in order to

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30 meet their educational goals, such as home education students
31 and students in inner-city and rural high schools who do not
32 have access to higher-level courses.

33 2. Students seeking accelerated access in order to obtain a
34 high school diploma at least one semester early.

35 3. Dependent children of active duty military personnel not
36 stationed in the state whose home of record is Florida or whose
37 State of Legal Residence Certificate, DD Form 2058, lists
38 Florida.

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40 The board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School shall
41 identify appropriate performance measures and standards based on
42 student achievement that reflect the school's statutory mission
43 and priorities, and shall implement an accountability system for
44 the school that includes assessment of its effectiveness and
45 efficiency in providing quality services that encourage high
46 student achievement, seamless articulation, and maximum access.

47 (10) For purposes of the enrollment of a dependent child of
48 active duty military personnel as a part-time or full-time
49 student in the Florida Virtual School, the Florida Virtual
50 School may use the State of Legal Residence Certificate, DD Form
51 2058, to verify residency for the child and may serve the
52 student directly. Funding for such students shall be provided in
53 accordance with subsection (3).

54 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1003.05, Florida
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 1003.05 Assistance to transitioning students from military
57 families.—

58 (3) Dependent children of active duty military personnel

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59 who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic
60 programs offered through public schools shall be given first
61 preference for admission to such programs even if the program is
62 being offered through a public school other than the school to
63 which the student would generally be assigned. If such a program
64 is offered through a public school other than the school to
65 which the student would generally be assigned, the parent or
66 guardian of the student must assume responsibility for
67 transporting the student to that school. For purposes of this
68 subsection, special academic programs include the Florida
69 Virtual School, magnet schools, advanced studies programs,
70 advanced placement, dual enrollment, Advanced International
71 Certificate of Education, and International Baccalaureate.

72 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.