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 2 An act relating to Purple Star Campuses; creating s.
 3 1003.051, F.S.; defining the term "military student";
 4 requiring the Department of Education to establish the
 5 Purple Star Campus program; specifying program
 6 criteria for participating schools; authorizing
 7 schools to partner with school districts to meet such
 8 criteria; requiring the State Board of Education to
 9 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Section 1003.051, Florida Statutes, is created
 14 to read:

15 1003.051 Purple Star Campuses.—

16 (1) As used in this section, the term "military student"
 17 means a student who is:

18 (a) Enrolled in a school district, charter school, or any
 19 school or educational institution participating in an
 20 educational choice scholarship program established pursuant to
 21 chapter 1002; and

22 (b) A dependent of a current member of the United States
 23 military serving on active duty in, or a former member of, the
 24 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, a reserve
 25 component of any branch of the United States military, or the

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26 Florida National Guard.

27 (2) (a) The Department of Education shall establish the
 28 Purple Star Campus program. At a minimum, the program must
 29 require a participating school to:

30 1. Designate a staff member as a military liaison.

31 2. Maintain a webpage on the school's website which
 32 includes resources for military students and their families.

33 3. Maintain a student-led transition program that assists
 34 military students in transitioning into the school.

35 4. Offer professional development training opportunities
 36 for staff members on issues relating to military students.

37 5. Reserve at least 5 percent of controlled open
 38 enrollment seats for military students.

39 (b) The department may establish additional criteria to
 40 identify schools that demonstrate a commitment to or provide
 41 critical transition supports for military-connected families,
 42 such as hosting an annual military recognition event, partnering
 43 with a school liaison officer from a military installation,
 44 supporting projects that connect the school with the military
 45 community, and providing outreach for military parents and their
 46 children.

47 (3) A school may partner with a school district to procure
 48 digital, professional development, or other assistance necessary
 49 for the school to meet the criteria specified in subsection (2).

50 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to

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51 | implement this section.

52 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.