

1 HB237  
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4 and Reynolds  
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SYNOPSIS:            This bill would enable a parent or guardian serving in active duty on a military installation located within this state to enroll his or her child in a public K-12 school located 25 miles or less from the military installation, notwithstanding local school district zoning requirements.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to education; to enable a parent or guardian who is a member of the armed forces to enroll his or her child in a public K-12 school located away from the military installation at which he or she is stationed, under certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

1           (1) ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Full-time duty status in  
2 the Armed Services of the United States, including members of  
3 the reserve and National Guard components on active duty  
4 orders.

5           (2) ARMED SERVICES. The federal military forces of  
6 the United States including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air  
7 Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, a reserve component thereof,  
8 and the National Guard.

9           (2) MILITARY INSTALLATION. A base, camp, post,  
10 station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or  
11 other facility or location under the jurisdiction of the  
12 Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard.

13           (b) (1) Notwithstanding any residence requirements  
14 for students established by a local school district, a student  
15 in grade K-12 who is a dependent of a parent or guardian who  
16 is serving in active military duty on a military installation  
17 located in this state shall be entitled to register to attend  
18 a public K-12 school within any school district located within  
19 25 miles of the military installation on which the student  
20 resides.

21           (2) To complete registration in a public K-12 school  
22 pursuant to this subsection, a parent or guardian shall  
23 provide the school with proof of residency on a military  
24 installation, including military orders documenting the  
25 assignment to that installation.

26           (3) A parent or guardian enrolling his or her child  
27 in a public K-12 school pursuant to this subsection is

1 responsible for the transportation of that child to and from  
2 the school if the school does not provide transportation for  
3 children residing on the military installation.

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
5 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
6 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.