

1 SB105  
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3 By Senator Barfoot  
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require public K-12 school districts operating magnet schools to accept an application for enrollment in a magnet school for a child of a military family when that family has received orders to transfer to an Alabama military installation, so long as the family will reside within the state before the first day of school.

This bill would also prohibit public school districts operating magnet schools from restricting entry of a child of a military family to any magnet school based solely on that child's home address, so long as the child lives within the school district.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to require school districts operating magnet schools to accept an application

1 for enrollment in a magnet school for a child of a military  
2 family when that family has received orders to transfer to an  
3 Alabama military installation, so long as the family will  
4 reside within the state before the first day of school; and to  
5 prohibit public school districts operating magnet schools from  
6 restricting entry of a child of a military family to any  
7 magnet school based solely on that child's home address, so  
8 long as the child lives within the school district.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

12 (1) INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED CHILDREN AND YOUTH. Those  
13 who perform or who have demonstrated the potential to perform  
14 at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared  
15 with others of their age, experience, or environment.

16 (2) MAGNET SCHOOL. A public K-12 school that  
17 primarily serves intellectually gifted children and youth.

18 (b) (1) An Alabama public school district operating  
19 one or more magnet schools shall accept an application for  
20 enrollment in a magnet school for a child of a military  
21 family, and shall consider that child for enrollment, if the  
22 military family has received transfer orders to an Alabama  
23 military installation and will reside within the state before  
24 the first day of the fall semester. A child of a military  
25 family shall be evaluated for possible enrollment at a magnet  
26 school under the same admission criteria that is used to  
27 evaluate all applicants for enrollment in that school.

1                   (2) An Alabama public school district shall not  
2                   restrict admission to any magnet school for a child of a  
3                   military family who otherwise qualifies for admission, based  
4                   solely on his or her address, so long as the child resides  
5                   within the school district.

6                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
7                   first day of the third month following its passage and  
8                   approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.