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3 By Senator Butler
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8 ESTABLISHING THE PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND
9 COMMITTEE.

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11 WHEREAS, the families of active duty military
12 personnel are frequently required to uproot and move between
13 schools with different cultures, curricula, standards, course
14 offerings, schedules, and graduation requirements; and

15 WHEREAS, public K-12 schools which have committed to
16 supporting the unique educational and social-emotional needs
17 of the children of these active duty military families deserve
18 special recognition; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Purple
21 Star Schools Program to recognize the efforts of those public
22 K-12 and charter schools in the state that are especially
23 committed to the successful transitioning of military
24 students, and their families, to their new homes and schools
25 and providing continuing support and resources for those
26 students and families.

(a) The program shall be under the direction of a Purple Star Schools Committee, which shall establish a process and specific qualifications and criteria for designating public K-12 schools in the state as Purple Star Schools. The membership of the committee shall consist of the following:

(1) The Lieutenant Governor, or his or her designee.

(2) The Chair of the Senate Veterans and Military Affairs Committee, or his or her designee.

(3) The Chair of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, or his or her designee.

(4) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation Education Committee, or his or her designee.

(5) The Chair of the House Ways and Means Education Committee, or his or her designee.

(6) The State Superintendent of Education, or his or her designee.

(7) The Commissioner of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, or his or her designee.

(8) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, or his or her designee.

(9) The Adjutant General of the Alabama National Guard, or his or her designee.

(10) The Executive Director of the Alabama Military Stability Foundation, or his or her designee.

(11) Two representatives of public K-12 education, appointed by the State Superintendent of Education.

(12) Two representatives of the Alabama Military Stability Foundation, appointed by the executive director.

(b) All appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

(c) The initial meeting of the committee shall be held no later than September 1, 2021. At the initial meeting, and annually thereafter, the membership shall select a chair and a vice chair. The committee shall meet as needed at the call of the chair, or as otherwise provided by the committee.

(d) A vacancy in the membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. An appointed member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing authority.

(e) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses as follows:

(1) The legislative members of the committee shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the committee, in accordance with Amendment 871 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

(2) Other members of the committee may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the committee according to policies and procedures of their respective office or appointing authority.

1 (f) A majority of the members of the committee shall
2 constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at a
3 regular or special meeting.