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3 By Senators Givhan, Kelley, Roberts
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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would apply to parents who are active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States or members of the National Guard or reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States, and are on active duty orders that require a temporary or permanent change of station.

This bill would require Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs offered by local school systems to be available to home school and private school students who reside within the attendance zone of the local school system and who are the dependents of active duty military parents performing certain covered military service.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to provide definitions; to require Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs to be available to home school and private school students who reside within the attendance zone of the local school system and are the dependents of active



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duty military parents performing covered military service.

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) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN DUTY STATION OR RESIDENCE. A required relocation pursuant to military orders, whether temporary or permanent, that necessitates that the service member obtain lodging outside the normal commuting area of the member's principal residence.

(2) COVERED MILITARY SERVICE. Active duty military service by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, including a member of the reserve components or the Alabama National Guard, who is:

- a. Serving on active duty under federal authority; or
- b. Serving on active duty under state authority pursuant to an order of the Governor or other lawful state authority, when the service requires a bona fide change in duty station or residence.

(b) A local board of education shall provide access to Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs offered in any school within the local school system to any student who resides within the attendance zone of the local school system, who is either home schooled or enrolled in a private school, who is the dependent of an active duty military parent performing covered military service, and who otherwise satisfies all applicable eligibility requirements for participation in the program.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October



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