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3 By Senators Givhan, Kelley, Roberts

4 RFD: Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety

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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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20                  A BILL

21                  TO BE ENTITLED

22                  AN ACT

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

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29 duty military parents performing covered military service.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

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

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

56         Section 2. This act shall become effective on October

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