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Senate Bill 530 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Dale W. Zorn
Committee: Local Government

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require the Department of Education to create a Purple Star Program by January 1, 2023, that, at a minimum, would have to include an application process for a public school to apply to receive Purple-Star-Program-School designation and a process for the designation of public schools that met the criteria provided by the bill as Purple-Star-Program schools.

The public school would have to designate a staff member of the public school as a military liaison and the military liaison would be charged with, at a minimum, all of the tasks specified in the bill. Also, the public school would have to maintain on its website homepage an easily accessible web page that included resources for military-connected pupils and their families that included the information listed in the bill.

The public school would have to maintain a transition program led by pupils, where appropriate, that assisted military-connected pupils in transitioning to the public school. The public school also would have to offer professional development for staff members of the public school on issues related to military connected pupils, which could be provided by a professional educator association in the State.

In addition, the public school would have to offer at least one of the initiatives specified in the bill.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a negative fiscal impact on the State and no mandatory fiscal impact on intermediate school districts, school districts, and public school academies. The Department of Education would experience additional costs to create a program to designate Purple Star Program Schools, which would include creating an application process and designating schools. The Department anticipates that it would require a 0.5 FTE position and under \$100,000 to create and operate the program.

Intermediate school districts, school districts, and public school academies would not experience a mandatory fiscal impact. Schools that applied for designation would experience additional costs to support military-connected pupils under program. These costs would vary depending on the school's current resources and would apply only to those schools that sought designation as a Purple Star Program School.

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