

**House File 629 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to the enrollment of children of military
- 2 families in school districts.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **282.22 Children of military**  
2 **families — enrollment in advance of arrival.**

3 1. As used in this section:

4 a. "Active duty" means full-time duty status in the active  
5 uniformed service of the United States, including members of the  
6 national guard and reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10  
7 U.S.C. ch. 1209 and 1211.

8 b. "Child of a military family" means a school-aged child,  
9 who resides in the household of an active duty member of the  
10 uniformed service of the United States, and who is currently  
11 enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve, or will enroll in  
12 kindergarten through grade twelve in the immediately subsequent  
13 school year.

14 2. The board of directors of a school district shall allow  
15 the child of a military family to enroll in the school district  
16 prior to residing within the district, or within a federal  
17 military installation located contiguous to a county in this  
18 state in which the district is located, if the parent or guardian  
19 of the child provides evidence to the board of directors that  
20 indicates the child will reside within the district, or within a  
21 federal military installation located contiguous to a county in  
22 this state in which the district is located, during the current  
23 school year or during the immediately subsequent school year. A  
24 child of a military family shall not be included in the school  
25 district's actual enrollment under section 257.6, subsection 1,  
26 until the child is considered a resident of the school district  
27 under section 282.1.

28 3. If the child of a military family enrolls in a  
29 school district pursuant to subsection 2, and the child has  
30 an individualized education program, an individualized family  
31 service plan, or a plan under section 504 of the federal  
32 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, the board of directors of  
33 the school district shall ensure that the services provided by  
34 the school district under the individualized education program,  
35 individualized family service plan, or plan under section 504

1 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794, are, at a  
2 minimum, comparable to the services provided to the child at the  
3 child's previous school.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill relates to the enrollment of children of military  
8 families in school districts.

9 The bill defines "active duty" as full-time duty status in the  
10 active uniformed service of the United States, including members  
11 of the national guard and reserve on active duty orders pursuant  
12 to federal law. The bill also defines "child of a military  
13 family" to mean a school-aged child, who resides in the household  
14 of an active duty member of the uniformed service of the United  
15 States, and who is currently enrolled in kindergarten through  
16 grade 12, or will enroll in kindergarten through grade 12 in the  
17 immediately subsequent school year.

18 The bill requires a school district to allow the child of  
19 a military family to enroll in the school district prior to  
20 residing within the district, or within a federal military  
21 installation located contiguous to a county in this state in  
22 which the district is located, if the parent or guardian of  
23 the child provides evidence to the school district indicating  
24 that the child will reside within the district, or within a  
25 federal military installation located contiguous to a county  
26 in this state in which the district is located, during the  
27 current school year or during the immediately subsequent school  
28 year. The bill provides that a child of a military family is  
29 not to be included in the school district's actual enrollment  
30 calculation until the child is considered a resident of the  
31 school district under Code section 282.1. The bill provides  
32 that, if the child enrolls in a school district pursuant to the  
33 bill's provisions, and the child has an individualized education  
34 program, an individualized family service plan, or a section 504  
35 plan, the school district is required to ensure that the services

1 provided by the school district under the programs or plans are,  
2 at a minimum, comparable to the services provided to the child at  
3 the child's previous school.

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