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4 ENROLLED, SJR3,

5 ESTABLISHING THE PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND  
6 COMMITTEE.

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

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

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

24 (a) The program shall be under the direction of a  
25 Purple Star Schools Committee, which shall establish a process

1 and specific qualifications and criteria for designating  
2 public K-12 schools in the state as Purple Star Schools. The  
3 membership of the committee shall consist of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22           (2) Other members of the committee may be reimbursed  
23 for necessary expenses in attending meetings of the committee  
24 according to policies and procedures of their respective  
25 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution  
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Butler