

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 19, 2025
Date

Committee on Education.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-073 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation and with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-36-107, add
4 (3)(f) and (3)(g) as follows:

5 **22-36-107. Inbound active duty military families - school**
6 **enrollment - registration - legislative declaration - definitions.**

7 (3) (f) CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND
8 REGULATIONS, THE CHILD OF AN INBOUND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY
9 MEMBER WHO HAS AN EXISTING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM,
10 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-20-103, OR AN EXISTING SECTION 504 PLAN, AS
11 DEFINED IN SECTION 22-20-123, IS ELIGIBLE FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT AND
12 GUARANTEED MATRICULATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE SCHOOL
13 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL WHERE THE STUDENT ENROLLS SHALL
14 ENSURE THAT THE STUDENT RECEIVES THE APPROPRIATE SERVICES AND
15 ACCOMMODATIONS, CONSISTENT WITH THE CHILD'S EXISTING
16 INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SECTION 504 PLAN WITHOUT
17 UNREASONABLE DELAY UPON ENROLLMENT.

18 (g) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL TAKE
19 REASONABLE STEPS TO NOTIFY INBOUND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS
20 AND THEIR FAMILIES OF THEIR RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,
21 INCLUDING PROVIDING INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL
22 EDUCATION SERVICES TO PREVENT INADVERTENT EXCLUSION AND TO
23 ENSURE INBOUND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
24 ARE FULLY INFORMED OF AVAILABLE SUPPORTS.

25 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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