

**House Education**

**03/19/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**SB25-073 Military-Connected Children with Disabilities**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Evie Hudak For Colorado PTA	<p>PTA believes that all children have the right to a quality public education, which allows each child the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. We especially recognize the special needs of children with disabilities and the intersection of those needs within our military-connected students, who move frequently.</p> <p>Military children can expect to move frequently during their academic career and these students need programs to streamline the transition process to ensure that there is flexibility to incoming students and that their needs are being met each step of the way.</p> <p>Further, parents and guardians of children with disabilities must have an active role working with the school to co-develop IEPs and 504 Plans and the services within must be based on a complete and individual evaluation and assessment of the specific and unique needs of each child.</p> <p>Supporting this bill was an easy decision for Colorado PTA. We support legislation that would provide assistance to military-connected students, and we support legislation that meets the needs of students with disabilities. This bill does just that.</p>