

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS. Provides for remote public school registration and enrollment of children of military personnel transferring to the state. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R. S. 17:101 and 3996(B)(59), relative to public elementary and secondary schools;
3 to provide for remote registration and preliminary enrollment of children of military
4 personnel under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:101 and 3996(B)(59) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 **§101. Children of military families; registration prior to residency; preliminary**
8 **enrollment**

9 **A. A public school governing authority shall allow a dependent child of**
10 **an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces to register and**
11 **preliminarily enroll in a public school under its jurisdiction by remote means,**
12 **including electronic means, prior to becoming a resident of the state, provided**
13 **all of the following apply:**

14 **(1) The student's parent or legal guardian is on active military duty and**
15 **is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation located in Louisiana**
16 **pursuant to an official military order.**

17 **(2) The student's parent or legal guardian provides a copy of the official**

1 military order transferring the parent or legal guardian to a military
2 installation located in Louisiana to the public school governing authority.

3 (3) The student's parent or legal guardian completes and submits all
4 required registration and enrollment forms and documentation to the public
5 school governing authority, except that proof of residency shall not be required
6 until ten days after the arrival date specified on the military member's transfer
7 orders.

8 B. A public school governing authority shall provide a student who
9 remotely registers pursuant to this Section the same enrollment opportunities
10 available to resident students, including requesting and applying for school
11 assignment, registering for courses, participating in extracurricular activities,
12 and applying to any school or program that requires an additional request,
13 including a lottery for admission to a specific school or program.

14 C. A student registered and enrolled pursuant to this Section shall not
15 attend school until proof of residency is provided in accordance with the policies
16 of the school's governing authority.

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18 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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20 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
21 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
22 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
23 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be
24 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
25 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
26 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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28 (59) Remote school registration and enrollment of children of military
29 personnel transferring to the state, R.S. 17:101.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

SB 114 Reengrossed

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Proposed law requires a public school governing authority to allow a dependent child of an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces to register and preliminarily enroll in a public school under its jurisdiction prior to becoming a resident of the state, providing all of the following apply:

- (1) The student's parent or legal guardian is on active military duty and is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation located in the state.
- (2) A copy of the military member's transfer orders are provided to the public school governing authority.
- (3) The student's parent or legal guardian completes and submits all required registration and enrollment forms and documentation, except that proof of residence shall not be required until ten days after the arrival date specified on the military member's transfer orders.

Proposed law requires public school governing authorities to provide a student who registers remotely the same enrollment opportunities available to resident students including requesting and applying for school assignment, registering for courses, participating in extracurricular activities, and applying for any school or program that requires an additional request or application, including a lottery for admission to a specific school or program.

Proposed law provides that a student registered and enrolled pursuant to proposed law shall not attend school until proof of residency is provided in accordance with the policies of the school's governing authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:101 and 3996(B)(59))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Specifically provide that proposed law applies to charter schools.