OVERVIEW: Sec. 7.18 of S.L. 2018-5 will allow military children to remotely register to enroll in a local school administrative unit or charter school prior to residency in the State when certain conditions are met.

To qualify to remotely enroll prior to residency, the military child must have a parent or legal guardian (parent) on active military duty who is transferred or pending transfer pursuant to an official military order to a military installation or reservation in the State. A copy of the official military order transferring the parent must be provided to the school upon request. The parent must complete and submit required enrollment forms and documentation, other than proof of residency and documentation related to disciplinary actions.

The military child may then remotely enroll in a local school administrative unit or charter school, and may participate in school assignment, registering for courses, and applying for any other programs that require additional request or application, including lottery for admission to a charter school.

After the military child transfers into the State and prior to attendance, proof of residency and documentation related to disciplinary actions must be provided to the school.

This section becomes effective January 1, 2019, and applies to enrollment applications received on or after that date.