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HOUSE BILL 159: Education Law Changes, Sec. 2.5: Extending Benefits of Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Committee:
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Analysis of: Sec. 2.5 of S.L. 2022-71

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OVERVIEW: Section 2.5 of S.L. 2022-71 provides children of inactive members of the National Guard and military reserves certain intrastate and interstate services related to school transfers if the student's parent is required to move to perform military service-related responsibilities. The required services are similar to those provided to military children under the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

This section became effective July 8, 2022, and applies beginning with the 2022-2023 academic school year.

CURRENT LAW: The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) ensures that the children of active duty members of the uniformed services have the same opportunities for educational success as other children when transitioning to a new school. This Compact provides transition services, such as requiring schools to temporarily accept unofficial school records for enrollment until official records arrive, requiring schools to honor a previous school's course and program placement, requiring schools to bypass tryout or application deadlines for extracurricular activities, and ensuring on-time graduation for senior-year transfers. The Compact does not apply to children of inactive members of the National Guard and military reserves.

BILL ANALYSIS: This section grants the following to the children of inactive members of the National Guard and military reserves, if the member is required to move to perform military service related responsibilities:

- For intrastate moves, the same services as are provided to children of active duty military under the Compact.
- For interstate moves, any services provided to children of active duty military under the Compact, to the extent possible without coordination with another state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 8, 2022, and applies beginning with the 2022-2023 academic school year.

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