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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacob Oliva

DATE: July 24, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 Legislative Change Related to Military Student Enrollment

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The 2020 Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 662, Education and the Military, and Governor DeSantis signed the bill on June 23, 2020.

Effective July 1, 2020, this legislation, in part, amends section (s.) 1003.05, Florida Statutes (F.S.), so that a student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within the state while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order shall be considered a resident of the school district for purposes of enrollment when the order is submitted to the school district, and shall be provided preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process of the school district pursuant to s. 1002.31, F.S.

This means that active duty military families transferring to a military installation in Florida will not have to wait until they establish residency in Florida to present their transfer orders to any Florida school district to enroll in school or avail themselves of that school district's controlled open enrollment options.

We appreciate your efforts in ensuring a smooth school transfer for children of active duty members of our armed services. If you have questions regarding the effects of this legislation, please contact Felicia Trumpler, school counseling consultant, at Felicia.Trumpler@fldoe.org or 850-245-7851.

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cc: School District Student Services Directors
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