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3 By Senators Givhan, Kelley, Roberts

4 RFD: Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Safety

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to provide definitions; to require Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs to be available to home school and private school students who reside within the attendance zone of the local school system and are the dependents of active duty military parents performing covered military service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN DUTY STATION OR RESIDENCE. A required relocation pursuant to military orders, whether temporary or permanent, that necessitates that the service member obtain lodging outside the normal commuting area of the member's principal residence.

(2) COVERED MILITARY SERVICE. Active duty military service by a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, including a member of the reserve components or the Alabama National Guard, who is:

- a. Serving on active duty under federal authority; or
- b. Serving on active duty under state authority



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29 pursuant to an order of the Governor or other lawful state  
30 authority, when the service requires a bona fide change in  
31 duty station or residence.

32 (b) Commencing with the 2026-2027 school year, a local  
33 board of education shall provide access to Junior Reserve  
34 Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) programs offered in any  
35 school within the local school system to any student who  
36 resides within the attendance zone of the local school system,  
37 who is either home schooled or enrolled in a private school,  
38 who is the dependent of an active duty military parent  
39 performing covered military service, and who otherwise  
40 satisfies all applicable eligibility requirements for  
41 participation in the program, provided that the home schooled  
42 student enrolls as a nontraditional public school student.

43 Section 2. This act shall become effective on July 1,  
44 2026.



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59 Nays 0  
60 Abstains 0

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63 Patrick Harris,  
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