



Resolution 19-11

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Relating To – Expanding the Military Student Identifier (MSI) in the “Every Student Succeeds Act”

SHORT DESCRIPTION: The Military Student Identifier (MSI) used in the “Every Student Succeeds Act” is limited to tracking just the parents and students of Active Duty service members and excludes the Reserve Component.

PROPOSAL TYPE: change

BUSINESS CASE: President Obama signed S. 1177, the “Every Student Succeeds Act” (Public Law 114-95) on December 10, 2015. The law requires states to better track and report about homeless, foster care, and military-connected students. Among the provisions in the legislation is the creation of a military student identifier (MSI). This identifier excludes students with a parent who serves in the Reserve Component.

A recent Department of Defense Demographics Report indicates that there are more than approximately 400,000 military-connected school-aged students of the National Guard and Reserve components. They reside within all fifty states, yet are almost hidden from public recognition as being from a military family. The parents of these children deploy globally in response to our nation’s call, just as the active duty service members do. They also deploy within their respective state in response to state emergencies, directives, or while in training.

“Gone is gone” for a child of the respective service member, regardless of the reason for parental absence. These children live with continual stressors and transition adjustments that their civilian classmates do not experience. In H. Rept. 114-354, the congressional conferees expressed, “intent that States and districts may also include students with a parent in the National Guard or Reserves as part of the group of students with a parent who is an active member of the Armed Forces.”

RECOMMENDATION: The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States urges Congress to enact legislation to Amend 20 U.S.C. §6311 (h)(1)(C)(ii) to strike the words “on active duty” to enable dependent children from Reserve Component members to receive the same benefits as their Active Duty counterparts.

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