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Good morning, Chairman Elkin and Senate Education Committee

Representative Brandy Pyle from District 22. I am here today to introduce HB 1132.

Members of the committee, this proposed legislation is the product of hard work between our North Dakota military members and the Department of Public Instruction to provide a continued quality education for our children who move base to base and post to post with their military parents.

This proposed legislation allows students who attend, or will attend, a North Dakota public school virtually, if desired by the family and approved by the school board of that district. Families move with their servicemember to the next assigned duty station when ordered. This can create a disruption in the child's education if moved mid school year. The average military-connected child will experience 6 to 9 different schools during their K-12 education experience. With more than 1.1 million such students attending schools across the nation, issues surrounding school transition have become a top priority for the ND Guard, families and some schools. Students from military families can also be affected by parents' deployments.

Members of the committee this is a great bill to not only for the opportunity for a continual quality education for our students, but also ensures that our service members AND their families come first during their time here in North Dakota.

Demographic Data

State residents include:

- 7,272 active-duty service members
- 2,218 active-duty spouses
- 4,268 active-duty children
- 5,555 National Guard and reserve members
- 2,402 National Guard and reserve spouses
- 4,226 National Guard and reserve children

Data source: DMDC, Dec. 31, 2021.

[North Dakota Military Legislation & Policies | Military State Policy \(militaryonesource.mil\)](#)

Again, many thank yous to the ND Guard and DPI for working through the wording of this bill so we could present this to the committee for consideration. It is a simple bill that will create a positive impact for our military connected kids and their families.

I stand for any questions.