Public Act 97-505

School districts must add enrollment questions concerning parents' or guardians' military service to their standard enrollment forms or on a supplemental form. This information must be reported as aggregate data to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Effective for school year 2012-2013, schools must ask students if their parents or guardians are members of the military, including Guard and Reserve. The school district must also ask if the students' parents or guardians serve on active duty or expect deployment in the next twelve months.

> *"[A] school district... shall provide, either on its standard form or on a separate form, the opportunity for the individual enrolling the student to voluntarily state whether the student has a parent or guardian who is a member of a branch of the armed forces of the United States and who is either deployed to active duty or expects to be deployed to active duty during the school year" 105 ICLS 5/22-65.* **Public Act 97-505**

It is the responsibility of the school districts to ensure that families have an opportunity to disclose this information. School district must then compile the received information and send that to ISBE for the following school year. Such information can help the school district in acquiring US Department of Defense assistance for these students.

Attached is a sample form that school districts can use or amend as they see appropriate so long as the required information is requested.

Sincerely,

Health & Disability Advocates

Military Children Registration Form

Dear parent or guardian,

Please take a few moments to answer these voluntary questions.

This information will help identify Illinois military families.

Your participation will help schools get U.S. Department of Defense assistance for children struggling with their parent's or guardian's military deployment.

Name(s) of child(ren)/School:

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Does the child(ren)'s parent or guardian serve in the military, including National Guard or Reserve?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Is the parent or guardian currently serving on active duty or expect to be deployed this year?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Has a parent or guardian returned from deployment in the last 6 months?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Return form to your school. Thank you!