



**HB 2102 Proponent Testimony
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The Kansas Council of Chapters of MOAA supports passage of HB 2102 and concurs with the Department of Defense-proposed amendment in separate testimony.

Military readiness and our national security is improved when we support military families. Such support helps to retain experienced and highly capable troops. HB 2102 will better support military families with orders to military duties in Kansas.

Provisions of HB 2102 for advance enrollment of military students removes a barrier for military families and will make the military change-of-station process go more smoothly.

Finally, we fully support the amended language proposed by the Military Community and Family Policy Office of the Department of Defense to make completely unambiguous that advance enrollment for special education services is the standard for all Kansas public schools serving military students. Military students with an existing 504 plan, an IEP, or an individualized family service plan granted under Public Law 94-142 at their prior school must be covered by this Kansas legislation. Ms. Michelle Richart has provided official Department of Defense (DoD) written testimony to request this amendment and we concur in the DoD request.

Respectfully submitted,

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