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MEMORANDUM

To: District School Superintendents
From: Jim Warford
Date: June 26, 2003
Subject: **2003 LEGISLATION - MILITARY STUDENT EDUCATION**

The 2003 Legislature passed Senate Bill 2802 creating a new section in the Florida Statutes that requires the Department of Education to assist in the transition of school-age dependents of military personnel by improving the timely transfer of student records, establishing procedures to lessen the adverse impact of moves from the end of the junior and senior year, and encouraging or enhancing partnerships between military bases and the school system.

Currently, 22 active military installations and three joint commands are located in Florida, including more than 80,000 active-duty military personnel. Many school districts have already developed collaborative partnerships with the military bases located within the district and work cooperatively to assist with the transition of K12 military students into their schools. Department staff is developing technical assistance materials to assist with implementing this legislation and enhancing current collaborative efforts. These materials and additional information will be made available in the near future.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Jo Butler via email at maryjo.butler@fldoe.org or by telephone at (850) 245-0479.

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