

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 21

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL'S STRONG SUPPORT OF THE COLORADO GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PROPOSED 2021 MILITARY FAMILY OPEN ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOUSE BILL

WHEREAS, The City of Colorado Springs appreciates the sacrifices that active duty military families make in order to keep our county safe, and recognize that these sacrifices include frequent moves to military installations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the children of military families ordered to move away from Colorado lose the opportunity to compete for open enrollment slots while the children of military families ordered to move to Colorado cannot compete for open enrollment because they lack a local address; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly's 2021 Military Family Open Enrollment In Public Schools House Bill concerning active duty military family enrollment in public schools requires a school district, a district charter school, and an institute charter school to accept the school liaison address for the military installation for purposes of demonstrating residency for inbound active duty military members enrolling their children in schools; and

WHEREAS, the Military Family Open Enrollment In Public Schools House Bill requires a school district, district charter school, and institute charter school to treat the child of an inbound active duty military member, and the younger sibling or siblings of the child, as resident students in subsequent school years after the child has open enrolled in a school; and

WHEREAS, the bill creates a military open enrollment lottery for eligible inbound active duty military members who are defined as those who will live on the military installation, who receive new orders or a command letter in lieu of orders on or after December 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the child will attend school, and who have not previously enrolled in or participated in open enrollment for the particular school in the lottery; and

WHEREAS, each school district school, district charter school, and institute charter school shall reserve at least 10 percent of the available open enrollment slots for the upcoming school year for the children of eligible inbound active duty military members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Colorado Springs resolves its support for the 2021 Military Family Open Enrollment In Public Schools House Bill concerning active duty military family enrollment in public schools.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 13th day of April, 2021.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk