

Sen. Jacque: Legislation expanding educational options for military families sent to governor

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MADISON... Bipartisan legislation authored by Senator André Jacque (New Franken) passed the State Assembly today, and is now headed to the desk of Governor Tony Evers for a potential signature, including legislation that would grant military families greater flexibility when choosing the best school for their children.

In Wisconsin, a parent may send their child to school outside of their resident school district under the state's open enrollment program if an application is submitted the previous spring. Military families may apply during the school year within 30 days of receiving military orders which require a change of residence.

[Senate Bill 134](#) would extend the window in which parents could apply for open enrollment to within 90 days of receiving military orders. Representative Duke Tucker (Grantsburg) is the lead author in the Assembly

"Military families frequently move between posts, and orders they receive are rarely in sync with the school calendar and open enrollment cycles," said Jacque.

"Wisconsin should seek to remove any obstacles facing military families and grant increased flexibility to allow them to make the best education decisions for their children."

SB 134, which unanimously passed the Assembly, clarifies that the open enrollment policy also applies to military orders from guard and reserve units from any state. This bill passed the Senate last spring on a voice vote, and will now move to the governor to review.

Also unanimously passing the Assembly Wednesday was [Senate Bill 225](#), legislation authored with Representative Calvin Callahan (Tomahawk). As amended, SB 225 would allow campground owners to operate the popular “jumping pillow” pad without having to receive licenses from multiple state agencies. This bill passed the Senate last month on a voice vote, but due to procedural maneuvers, the bill will have to be approved again by the Senate before moving to the governor.

“This legislation will help campground owners avoid the unnecessary regulatory burden of having to answer to multiple state agencies, if their rides are installed according to the recommended standards,” said Jacque.

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.