

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

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To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for members of the uniformed services who homeschool their dependent children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. BUDD, and Mrs. MOODY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Continuity of Military
5 Parents’ Academic Schooling and State Standards Act of
6 2026” or the “COMPASS Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

8 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to ensure uninterrupted educational con-
2 tinuity for military-connected students;

3 (2) to reduce administrative and legal burdens
4 caused by frequent relocations;

5 (3) to prevent conflicting State homeschooling
6 requirements from penalizing military families;

7 (4) to support family stability and readiness of
8 servicemembers (as defined in section 101 of the
9 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 3911))
10 during transitions; and

11 (5) to align homeschooling treatment more
12 closely with existing protections tied to domicile and
13 legal residence afforded to military families under
14 Federal law.

15 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND**
16 **HOMESCHOOLING LAWS OF STATES UNDER**
17 **SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Servicemembers
19 Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4021 et seq.) is amended by
20 adding at the end the following new section:

21 **“SEC. 708. COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND**
22 **HOMESCHOOLING LAWS OF STATES.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A dependent child of a service-
24 member who is educated at home and is covered by mili-
25 tary orders for a permanent change of station to a location

1 shall be considered in compliance with all compulsory edu-
2 cation and homeschooling provisions of law of the State
3 of the location, if such dependent child is in compliance
4 with all the compulsory education and homeschooling pro-
5 visions of law of such State or the State of the legal resi-
6 dence of the servicemember.

7 “(b) DEFINITION OF CHILD.—In this section, the
8 term ‘child’ has the meaning given such term in section
9 101 of title 38, United States Code.”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
11 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
12 the item relating to section 707 the following new item:

“Sec. 708. Compulsory education and homeschooling laws of States.”.