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INTRODUCTION

The men and women who serve in the Armed Forces sacrifice much of their liberty in defense of the American homeland, national interests, and way of life. This service often involves multiple deployments, frequent moves, and, in some cases, service-related health conditions. As a result, veterans, service members, and military families face unique challenges that can be addressed through principled government policy.

While the federal government has primary responsibility for supporting the veteran and military community, caring for those who serve in our nation's military is a collective effort, and states have a significant role to play. Unfortunately, a lack of comparison and evaluation has left many states content with veterans and military affairs policies that fail to adequately address the unique challenges facing this community.

Serving Those Who Serve aims to fill the evaluation gap by ranking the states on their veteran and military affairs policies. Specifically, it analyzes the areas where state governments can have the greatest impact, including support for military families, veteran transition, justice-involved veterans, and emerging approaches to treating service-related mental health conditions. By analyzing these policies and identifying the gaps between states, the report empowers state legislators to take action and meaningfully improve their states' support for the veteran and military community.



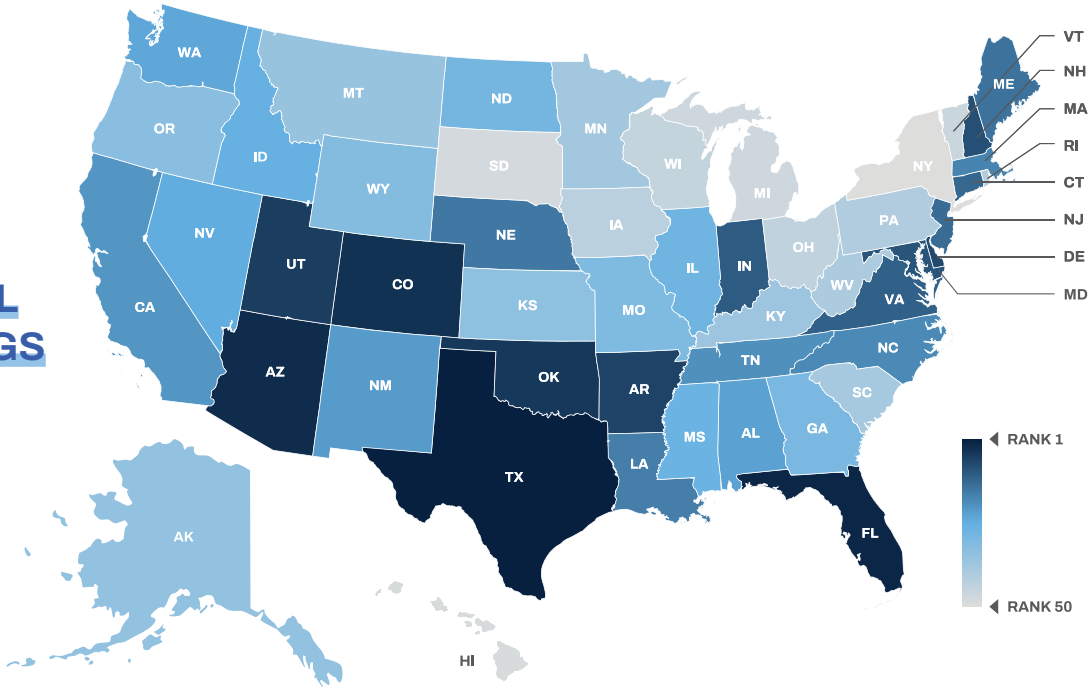
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OVERALL RANKINGS



RANK	STATE	POINTS	TIEBREAKER
1	Texas	66	6.02%
2	Florida	65	6.95%
3	Arizona	60	7.41%
4	Colorado	59	6.98%
5	Oklahoma	52	7.53%
6	Utah	52	4.27%
7	Arkansas	51	6.92%
8	Delaware	50	7.18%
9	New Hampshire	50	7.03%
10	Maryland	49	6.83%
11	Indiana	49	5.92%
12	Virginia	48	8.86%
13	Connecticut	48	4.41%
14	New Jersey	48	3.35%
15	Maine	46	7.59%
16	Nebraska	46	6.41%
17	Louisiana	46	6.02%
18	Massachusetts	46	3.95%
19	North Carolina	45	7.23%
20	Tennessee	44	7.11%
21	California	43	4.02%
22	New Mexico	41	7.46%
23	Alabama	41	7.45%
24	Washington	40	7.29%
25	Nevada	40	7.18%

RANK	STATE	POINTS	TIEBREAKER
26	Idaho	39	7.43%
27	Mississippi	39	6.26%
28	Illinois	39	4.53%
29	North Dakota	38	6.86%
30	Georgia	37	7.03%
31	Missouri	37	7.02%
32	Wyoming	36	8.14%
33	Oregon	36	6.77%
34	Kansas	35	6.65%
35	Alaska	34	9.90%
36	Montana	34	8.44%
37	Kentucky	33	6.21%
38	Minnesota	33	5.49%
39	South Carolina	32	8.07%
40	West Virginia	31	7.31%
41	Pennsylvania	30	5.76%
42	Rhode Island	30	4.80%
43	Iowa	29	6.19%
44	Ohio	29	6.15%
45	Wisconsin	27	5.77%
46	Vermont	26	5.71%
47	Michigan	24	5.42%
48	South Dakota	23	7.39%
49	Hawaii	18	7.56%
50	New York	15	3.47%

METHODOLOGY & SCORING

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METHODOLOGY AND SCORING

Ten policies were identified for this index and assigned 10 points each. Veteran population per capita was used as a tie-breaking variable using data from the 2024 American Community Survey. Military population is included for reference but is not used as a ranking variable. The data for military population comes from the Defense Manpower Data Center's quarterly Military and Civilian Personnel report. Unless otherwise stated, all scores are based on ALEC's assessment of state statutes and other publicly available government sources.

Supporting Military Families – 40 points

- School Transitions for Military-Connected Students
- Purple Star Schools
- Military Homeschoolers
- State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care

Supporting Veterans Through Transition – 20 points

- Military Crosswalk
- Public-Private Partnerships

Supporting Justice-Involved Veterans – 20 points

- Veterans Treatment Courts
- Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans

Supporting Emerging Treatments for Service-Related Mental Health Conditions – 20 points

- Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy
- Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy

SCORES			MILITARY FAMILIES				VETERAN TRANSITION		JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS		EMERGING TREATMENTS		TIEBREAKER
RANK	STATE	TOTAL	SCHOOL TRANSITIONS	PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS	MILITARY HOME-SCHOOLERS	CHILD CARE EXEMPTIONS	MILITARY CROSSWALK	PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS	VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS	DIVERSION	PSILOCYBIN	IBOGAINE	VETERANS PER CAPITA
1	Texas	66	4	6	8	10	10	10	8	0	0	10	6.02%
2	Florida	65	8	6	10	10	5	7	10	9	0	0	6.95%
3	Arizona	60	10	5	8	0	10	10	1	8	0	8	7.41%
4	Colorado	59	10	7	4	10	10	0	3	0	10	5	6.98%
5	Oklahoma	52	10	6	8	10	10	0	2	0	0	6	7.53%
6	Utah	52	8	2	10	10	10	2	5	0	5	0	4.27%
7	Arkansas	51	10	10	8	4	10	2	7	0	0	0	6.92%
8	Delaware	50	10	5	6	10	10	7	2	0	0	0	7.18%
9	New Hampshire	50	8	2	6	10	10	7	7	0	0	0	7.03%
10	Maryland	49	2	6	6	10	10	10	0	0	5	0	6.83%
11	Indiana	49	4	2	8	0	10	7	5	0	5	8	5.92%
12	Virginia	48	6	2	4	10	10	7	2	7	0	0	8.86%
13	Connecticut	48	2	6	6	10	10	0	0	9	5	0	4.41%
14	New Jersey	48	2	5	8	0	10	10	0	8	5	0	3.35%
15	Maine	46	4	6	6	10	10	4	6	0	0	0	7.59%
16	Nebraska	46	6	6	4	10	10	7	3	0	0	0	6.41%
17	Louisiana	46	4	5	4	0	10	5	6	5	5	2	6.02%
18	Massachusetts	46	4	6	2	10	10	5	0	9	0	0	3.95%
19	North Carolina	45	4	2	4	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	7.23%
20	Tennessee	44	4	2	4	10	10	10	3	0	0	1	7.11%
21	California	43	8	6	4	0	5	7	3	10	0	0	4.02%
22	New Mexico	41	4	5	4	10	0	5	3	0	10	0	7.46%
23	Alabama	41	4	5	4	0	10	10	2	6	0	0	7.45%
24	Washington	40	8	5	2	8	5	7	0	0	5	0	7.29%
25	Nevada	40	6	3	8	0	0	4	9	10	0	0	7.18%
26	Idaho	39	8	2	8	0	10	7	4	0	0	0	7.43%
27	Mississippi	39	8	3	6	0	5	0	7	0	0	10	6.26%
28	Illinois	39	0	5	6	0	10	10	8	0	0	0	4.53%
29	North Dakota	38	4	2	2	10	10	0	1	9	0	0	6.86%
30	Georgia	37	6	2	2	0	10	10	7	0	0	0	7.03%
31	Missouri	37	4	6	6	0	10	4	7	0	0	0	7.02%
32	Wyoming	36	4	6	8	4	10	2	2	0	0	0	8.14%
33	Oregon	36	2	0	8	0	5	2	2	7	10	0	6.77%
34	Kansas	35	6	2	8	0	10	2	0	7	0	0	6.65%
35	Alaska	34	2	2	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	9.90%
36	Montana	34	6	2	6	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	8.44%
37	Kentucky	33	4	5	4	6	5	2	1	0	0	6	6.21%
38	Minnesota	33	0	6	2	0	0	7	8	10	0	0	5.49%
39	South Carolina	32	4	2	6	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	8.07%
40	West Virginia	31	6	2	4	0	10	2	7	0	0	0	7.31%
41	Pennsylvania	30	2	6	2	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	5.76%
42	Rhode Island	30	4	0	6	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	4.80%
43	Iowa	29	2	5	10	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	6.19%
44	Ohio	29	6	2	6	0	10	2	3	0	0	0	6.15%
45	Wisconsin	27	4	2	6	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	5.77%
46	Vermont	26	4	6	4	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	5.71%
47	Michigan	24	0	0	6	0	5	7	6	0	0	0	5.42%
48	South Dakota	23	6	2	8	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	7.39%
49	Hawaii	18	0	2	4	10	0	2	0	0	0	0	7.56%
50	New York	15	4	0	2	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	3.47%

CHAPTER 1:

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES

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SCHOOL TRANSITIONS FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS

ALEC Policy Resource:

Uniformed Services Child School Transitions Act

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For military-connected children, frequent moves and the disruptions that accompany them are a normal fact of life. Over one million American school-aged children have at least one active-duty parent, and more than 80% attend public schools.[1] On average, these students will change schools six to nine times between kindergarten and high school, relocating every two to three years.[2] To accommodate the mobility inherent in military life, state legislators across the United States are introducing measures to ensure smooth school transitions for military-connected children.

These state-level efforts build upon a broader national framework. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, developed in 2007 and adopted by all states and the District of Columbia, establishes consistent guidelines for enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility, and graduation. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) governs the Compact, which was designed to address some of the many challenges that arise when military families move across state lines, such as preventing the loss of academic credit or maintaining extracurricular eligibility.

However, while the Compact provides a strong foundation, it has been unable to adopt new provisions in the nearly 20 years since it was established, since any amendment would require unanimous legislative approval by all member states. Instead, the MIC3 has endorsed state approaches to create additional provisions that fill gaps for military-connected students.[3]

The ALEC model policy Uniformed Services Child School Transitions Act provides a template for states to fill these gaps without affecting the MIC3 compact. The policy originates in Arkansas and includes advanced enrollment, which allows military families to enroll their children in school upon receipt of orders, rather than waiting until they physically arrive in the new school district. It also builds upon the Arkansas open enrollment statute, which includes cross-district and within-district transfers and prohibits public schools from charging tuition to transferring students.

The data for Open Enrollment and Free for Families come from the 2026 ALEC Index of State Education Freedom. When a state has a relevant statute that applies only to military families, the state will receive credit in this index.

Scoring Details

Advanced Enrollment:

- 4 points are awarded when a state has an advanced enrollment statute that includes registration by remote or electronic means.
- 2 points are awarded when a state has an advanced enrollment statute that does not mention remote registration.

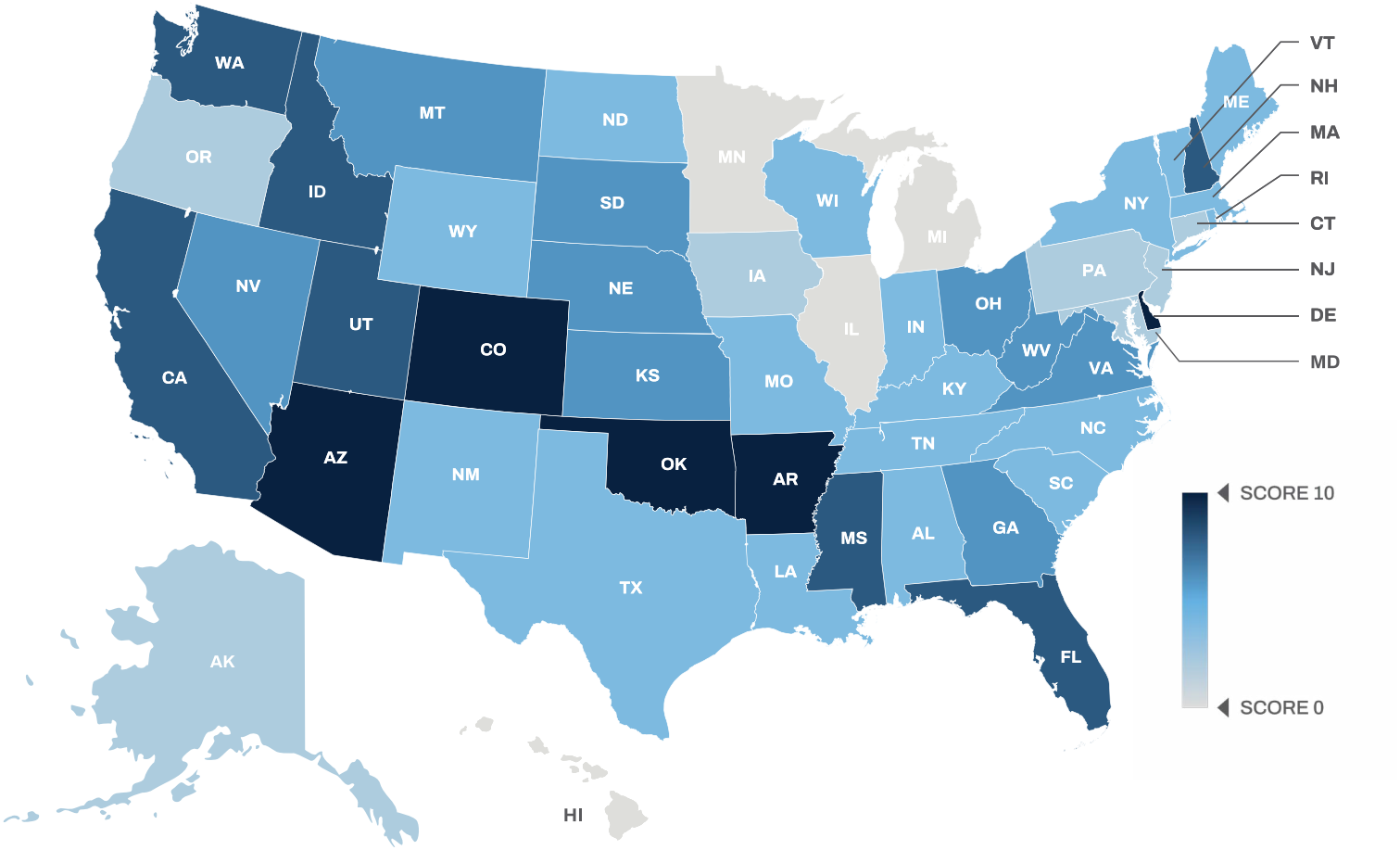
Open Enrollment:

- 4 points are awarded when a state has open enrollment statutes that allow for cross-district and within-district transfers.
- 2 points are awarded when a state has open enrollment statutes that allow for either cross-district or within-district transfers, but not both.

Free for Families:

- 2 points are awarded when a state prohibits public schools from charging tuition to transferring students.

Military Child School Transitions



STATE	SCORE	ADVANCED ENROLLMENT	OPEN ENROLLMENT	FREE FOR FAMILIES
Alabama	4	4	0	0
Alaska	2	2	0	0
Arizona	10	4	4	2
Arkansas	10	4	4	2
California	8	4	2	2
Colorado	10	4	4	2
Connecticut	2	2	0	0
Delaware	10	4	4	2
Florida	8	2	4	2
Georgia	6	2	2	2
Hawaii	0	0	0	0
Idaho	8	2	4	2
Illinois	0	0	0	0
Indiana	4	4	0	0
Iowa	2	0	2	0
Kansas	6	2	2	2
Kentucky	4	4	0	0
Louisiana	4	4	0	0
Maine	4	4	0	0
Maryland	2	2	0	0
Massachusetts	4	4	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Mississippi	8	4	4	0
Missouri	4	4	0	0
Montana	6	2	2	2
Nebraska	6	2	2	2
Nevada	6	4	2	0
New Hampshire	8	4	4	0
New Jersey	2	2	0	0
New Mexico	4	4	0	0
New York	4	4	0	0
North Carolina	4	4	0	0
North Dakota	4	0	2	2
Ohio	6	4	2	0
Oklahoma	10	4	4	2
Oregon	2	2	0	0
Pennsylvania	2	2	0	0
Rhode Island	4	4	0	0
South Carolina	4	4	0	0
South Dakota	6	2	4	0
Tennessee	4	2	2	0
Texas	4	2	2	0
Utah	8	2	4	2
Vermont	4	4	0	0
Virginia	6	4	2	0
Washington	8	4	2	2
West Virginia	6	0	4	2
Wisconsin	4	0	2	2
Wyoming	4	4	0	0

PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS

ALEC Policy Resource:

Purple Star School Act

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The challenges military-connected students face do not end after school transition, and 46 states have created Purple Star School programs to recognize schools that take steps to become more military friendly. Generally, requirements to be recognized as a Purple Star School include designating a military point of contact for military families, creating a webpage with specific information for military families, providing training for staff on the unique challenges that military-connected students face, and facilitating student-led programs to help incoming military-connected students integrate. The programs are voluntary for schools, as not every school or school district will have a significant military-connected student population.

While most states have a Purple Star School program, the quality of these programs vary widely across states. The Purple Star School Act represents the most comprehensive statute and includes additional elements to support military-connected students. These include a broad definition of "military-connected student" that encompasses gold star families, reserve component families, and veterans; a requirement that Purple Star Schools collaborate with any local military installation's military school liaison or family readiness center; and a minimum coverage requirement to ensure that any school with twenty or more military-connected students fulfills the Purple Star School criteria.

Arkansas is the only state that fulfills all scoring criteria and receives full credit. While 26 states have Purple Star School programs in statute, 20 states operate programs through executive orders or administrative action and were scored based on the information publicly available on their websites. Four states do not operate Purple Star School programs and receive no credit.

Scoring Details

Statewide Program:

- 5 points are awarded when a state has a statewide Purple Star School program in statute.
- 2 points are awarded when a state has a statewide Purple Star School program that was created through executive order or administrative action.

Meaningful Coverage:

- 2 points are awarded when a state has a meaningful coverage requirement.

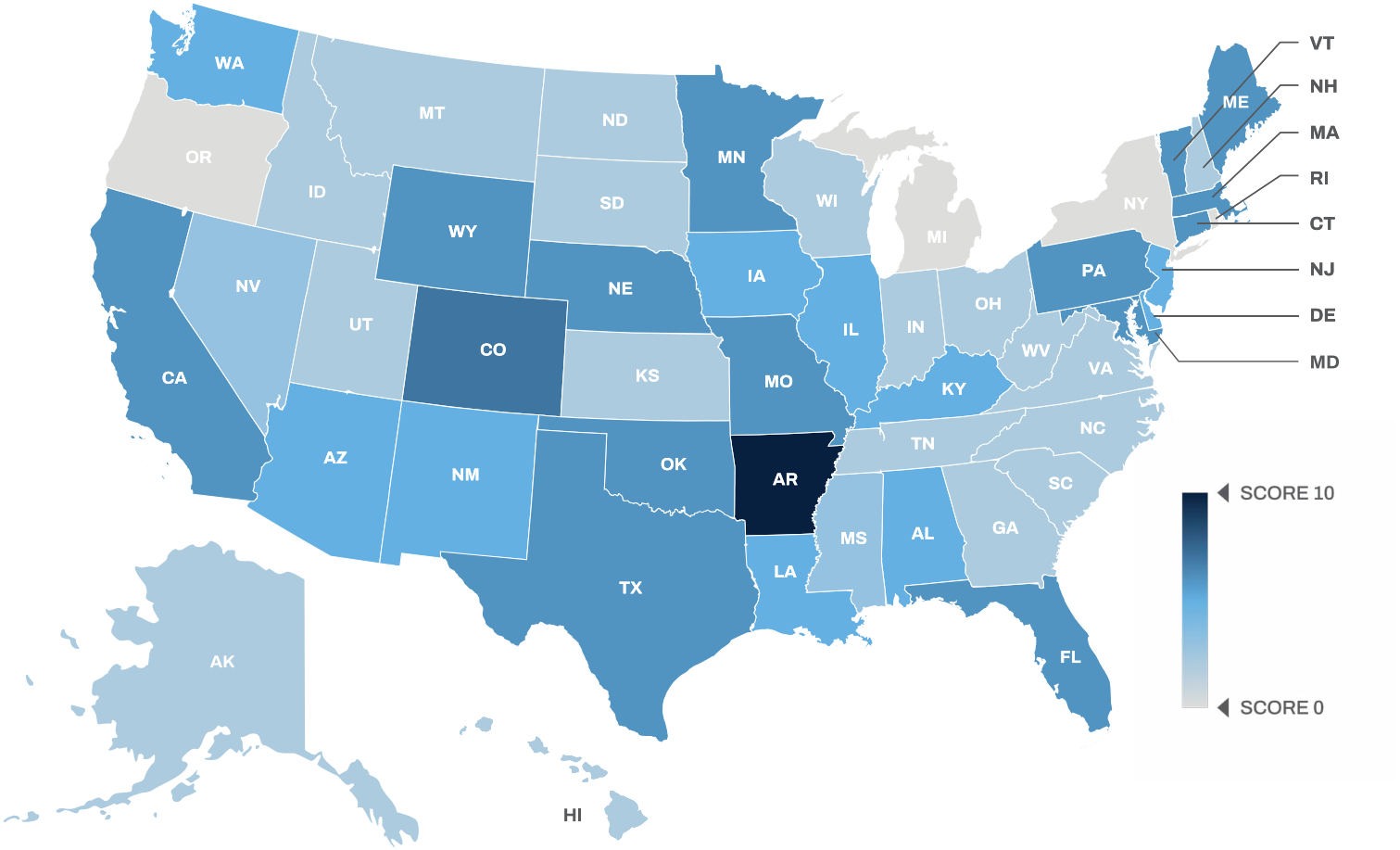
Installation Collaboration:

- 2 points are awarded when a state requires Purple Star Schools to collaborate with any local military installation's military school liaison or family readiness center.
- 1 point is awarded when partnership is mentioned but not required.

Broad Definition:

- 1 point is awarded when a state has a broad definition of military-connected student that includes children of active-duty service members, reserve component service members, fallen service members, and veterans.
- 0 points are awarded when the definition is narrow or does not exist.

Purple Star Schools



STATE	SCORE	STATEWIDE PROGRAM	MEANINGFUL COVERAGE	INSTALLATION COLLABORATION	BROAD DEFINITION
Alabama	5	5	0	0	0
Alaska	2	2	0	0	0
Arizona	5	5	0	0	0
Arkansas	10	5	2	2	1
California	6	5	0	0	1
Colorado	7	5	0	1	1
Connecticut	6	5	0	0	1
Delaware	5	5	0	0	0
Florida	6	5	0	1	0
Georgia	2	2	0	0	0
Hawaii	2	2	0	0	0
Idaho	2	2	0	0	0
Illinois	5	5	0	0	0
Indiana	2	2	0	0	0
Iowa	5	5	0	0	0
Kansas	2	2	0	0	0
Kentucky	5	5	0	0	0
Louisiana	5	5	0	0	0
Maine	6	5	0	0	1
Maryland	6	5	0	0	1
Massachusetts	6	5	0	0	1
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	6	5	0	0	1
Mississippi	3	2	0	1	0
Missouri	6	5	0	0	1
Montana	2	2	0	0	0
Nebraska	6	5	0	0	1
Nevada	3	2	0	0	1
New Hampshire	2	2	0	0	0
New Jersey	5	5	0	0	0
New Mexico	5	5	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	2	2	0	0	0
North Dakota	2	2	0	0	0
Ohio	2	2	0	0	0
Oklahoma	6	5	0	0	1
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	6	5	0	0	1
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	2	2	0	0	0
South Dakota	2	2	0	0	0
Tennessee	2	2	0	0	0
Texas	6	5	0	0	1
Utah	2	2	0	0	0
Vermont	6	5	0	0	1
Virginia	2	2	0	0	0
Washington	5	5	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	2	0	0	0
Wisconsin	2	2	0	0	0
Wyoming	6	5	0	0	1

MILITARY HOMESCHOOLERS

Frequent moves also lead military families to choose homeschooling at nearly twice the rate of civilian families.[4] Unfortunately, various state-level homeschooling requirements can add unnecessary burdens and complexities to military families as they move from state to state. States can support military families by reducing these barriers and allowing extracurricular access for military families who choose homeschooling.

The data for Annual Notification, Teacher Qualifications, Subject Mandate, and Assessment Mandate come from the 2026 ALEC Index of State Education Freedom. When a state has a relevant statute that only applies to military families, the state will receive credit in this index.

Scoring Details

Annual Notification

- 2 points are awarded when a state does not require military families to provide annual notification of their intent to homeschool.

Teacher Qualifications:

- 2 points are awarded when a state does not specify certain teacher qualification requirements for military families who are homeschooling.

Subject Mandate:

- 2 points are awarded when a state does not mandate certain subjects be taught to homeschooled military-connected students.

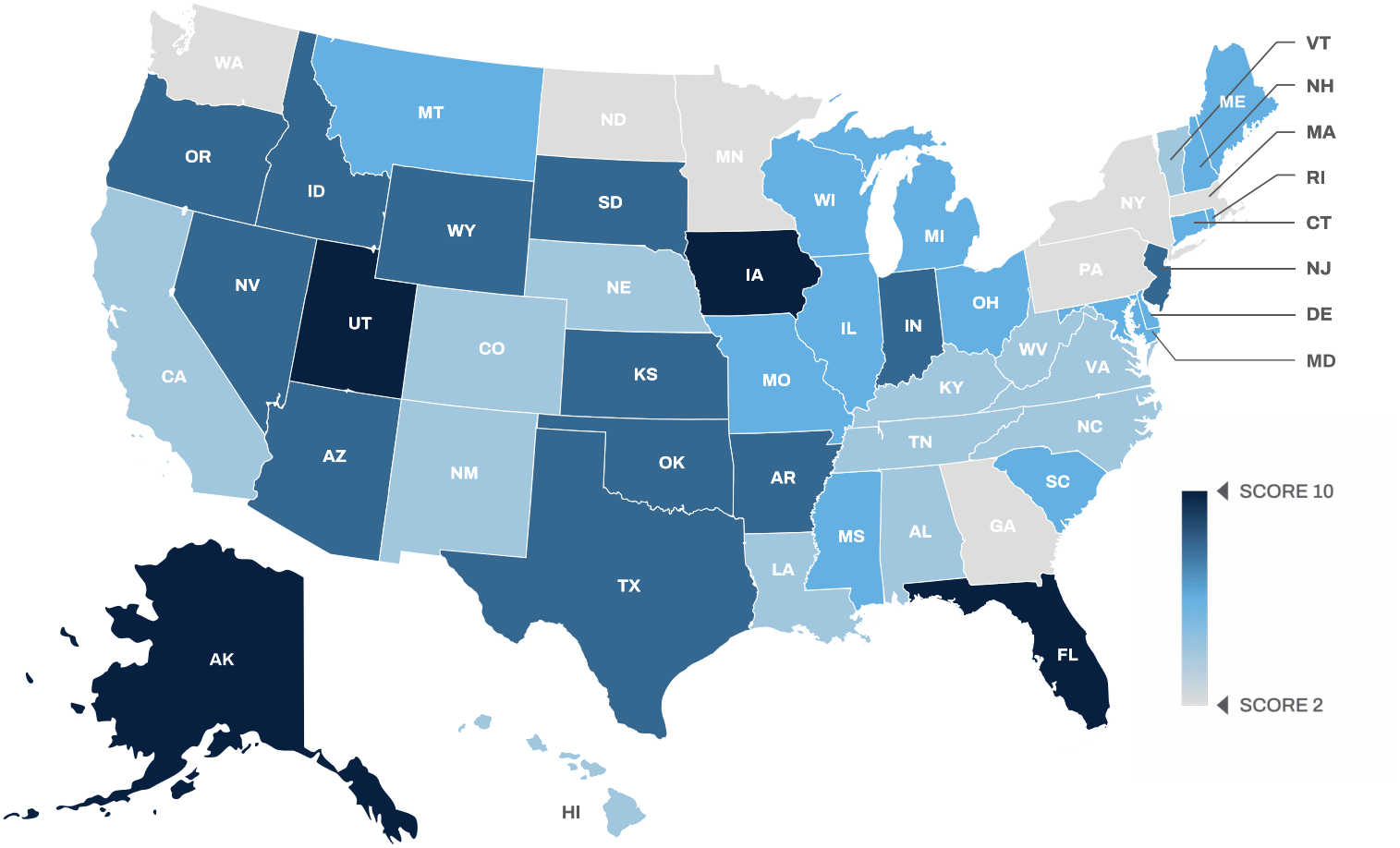
Assessment Mandate:

- 2 points are awarded when a state does not mandate assessments for homeschooled military-connected students.

Extracurricular Access:

- 2 points are awarded when a state allows homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities with public schools.

Military Homeschoolers



STATE	SCORE	ANNUAL NOTIFICATION	TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS	SUBJECT MANDATE	ASSESSMENT MANDATE	EXTRACURRICULAR ACCESS
Alabama	4	2	0	0	2	0
Alaska	10	2	2	2	2	2
Arizona	8	2	2	0	2	2
Arkansas	8	0	2	2	2	2
California	4	2	0	0	2	0
Colorado	4	0	2	0	0	2
Connecticut	6	2	2	0	2	0
Delaware	6	0	2	2	2	0
Florida	10	2	2	2	2	2
Georgia	2	0	0	0	0	2
Hawaii	4	2	2	0	0	0
Idaho	8	2	2	0	2	2
Illinois	6	2	2	0	2	0
Indiana	8	2	2	2	2	0
Iowa	10	2	2	2	2	2
Kansas	8	2	2	2	0	2
Kentucky	4	0	2	0	2	0
Louisiana	4	0	2	0	0	2
Maine	6	2	2	0	0	2
Maryland	6	2	2	0	2	0
Massachusetts	2	0	2	0	0	0
Michigan	6	2	2	0	2	0
Minnesota	2	0	0	0	0	2
Mississippi	6	0	2	2	2	0
Missouri	6	2	2	0	0	2
Montana	6	0	2	0	2	2
Nebraska	4	0	0	0	2	2
Nevada	8	2	2	0	2	2
New Hampshire	6	2	2	0	0	2
New Jersey	8	2	2	2	2	0
New Mexico	4	0	0	0	2	2
New York	2	0	2	0	0	0
North Carolina	4	2	0	2	0	0
North Dakota	2	0	0	0	0	2
Ohio	6	0	2	0	2	2
Oklahoma	8	2	2	2	2	0
Oregon	8	2	2	2	0	2
Pennsylvania	2	0	0	0	0	2
Rhode Island	6	2	2	0	2	0
South Carolina	6	2	0	0	2	2
South Dakota	8	2	2	0	2	2
Tennessee	4	0	0	2	0	2
Texas	8	2	2	0	2	2
Utah	10	2	2	2	2	2
Vermont	4	0	2	0	0	2
Virginia	4	0	2	2	0	0
Washington	2	0	0	0	0	2
West Virginia	4	2	0	0	0	2
Wisconsin	6	0	2	0	2	2
Wyoming	8	2	2	0	2	2

STATE EXEMPTIONS FOR MILITARY-CERTIFIED FAMILY CHILD CARE

The Department of War operates the nation's largest employer-sponsored child care program.[5] Most of this care is provided on military installations and is not subject to state child care licensing requirements. However, military-certified family child care (FCC) providers can also operate from homes located off base. In many states, these providers must obtain a separate state license, which is often duplicative of the Department of War certification process.[6] This creates an unnecessary regulatory burden that can reduce child care options for military families. In response, 24 states provide some form of exemption for these providers from state licensing requirements.

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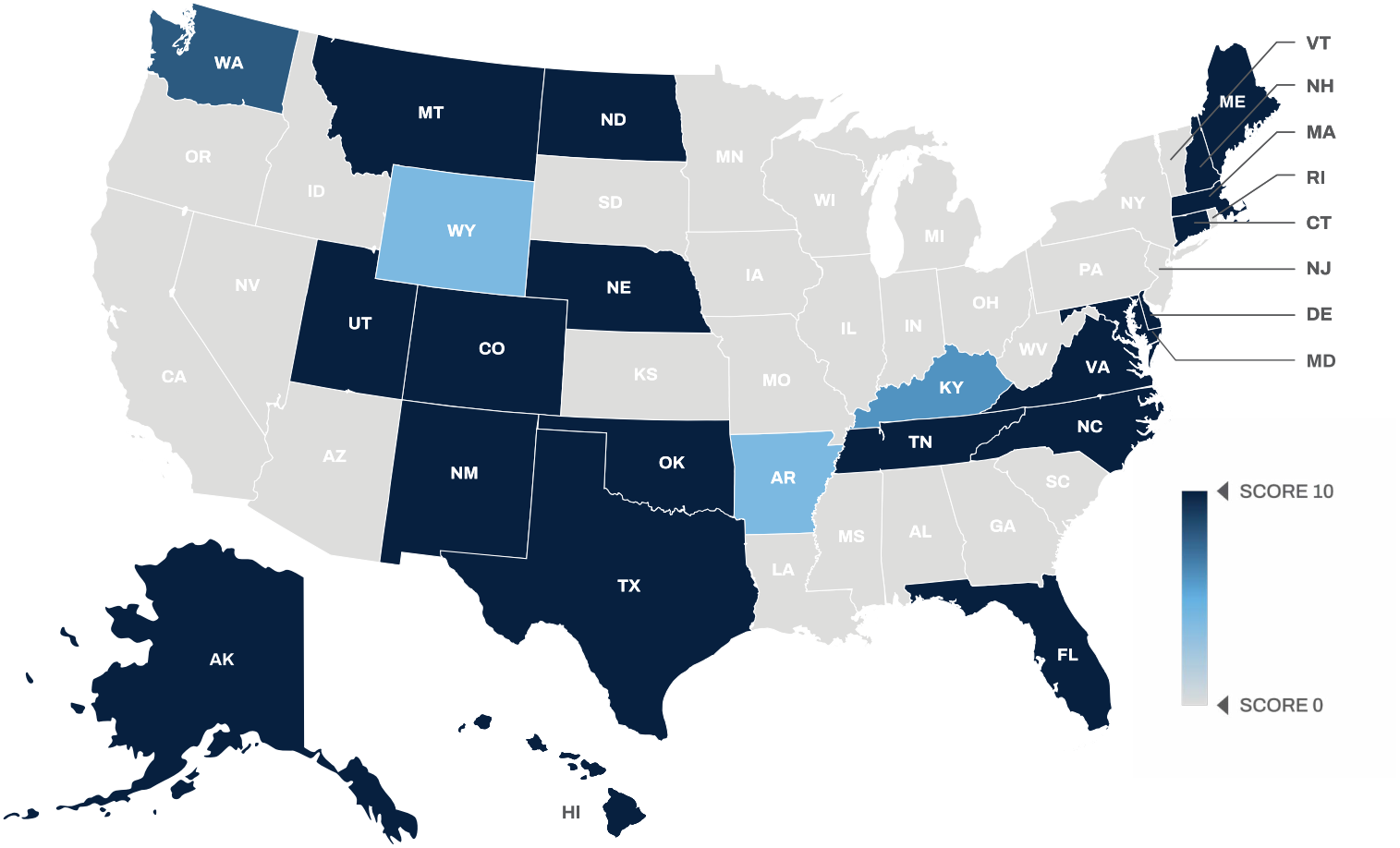
Licensure Exemption:

- 8 points are awarded when a state permanently exempts military-certified FCCs from state licensure requirements.
- 4 points are awarded when a state temporarily exempts military-certified FCCs from state licensure requirements.
- 4 points are awarded when a state exempts military-certified FCCs by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with military bases rather than codifying the exemption.

Broad Coverage:

- 2 points are awarded when the exemption is universal for all Department of War FCCs.
- 0 points are awarded when the exemption is limited to a particular military service, installation, or region.

State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care



STATE	SCORE	LICENSURE EXEMPTION	BROAD COVERAGE
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	10	8	2
Arizona	0	0	0
Arkansas	4	4	0
California	0	0	0
Colorado	10	8	2
Connecticut	10	8	2
Delaware	10	8	2
Florida	10	8	2
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	10	8	2
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	6	4	2
Louisiana	0	0	0
Maine	10	8	2
Maryland	10	8	2
Massachusetts	10	8	2
Michigan	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	10	8	2
Nebraska	10	8	2
Nevada	0	0	0
New Hampshire	10	8	2
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North Carolina	10	8	2
North Dakota	10	8	2
Ohio	0	0	0
Oklahoma	10	8	2
Oregon	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	10	8	2
Texas	10	8	2
Utah	10	8	2
Vermont	0	0	0
Virginia	10	8	2
Washington	8	8	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0
Wyoming	4	4	0

CHAPTER 2:

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION

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MILITARY CROSSWALK

ALEC Policy Resource:

Military Crosswalk Act

Scan for ALEC Resources

While many service members gain training and experience in jobs that closely resemble civilian occupations, state occupational licensing boards do not always recognize these qualifications. Instead, they require transitioning service members to start their civilian careers from scratch by setting extensive, specific conditions for obtaining a license. This red tape puts qualified veterans at a disadvantage in the job market and creates significant barriers to employment.

The ALEC model policy Military Crosswalk Act addresses this problem by instructing occupational licensing boards to accept equivalent military experience as satisfying state occupational license requirements. It also requires the occupational licensing board to consult with the state department of veteran services to determine which military skills, experience, credentials, education, and training are substantially equivalent to occupational licensing requirements and can substitute for the requirements. Further, the policy instructs the departments to collaborate on a publicly accessible resource that can inform veterans and transitioning service members about their qualifications for certain licenses.

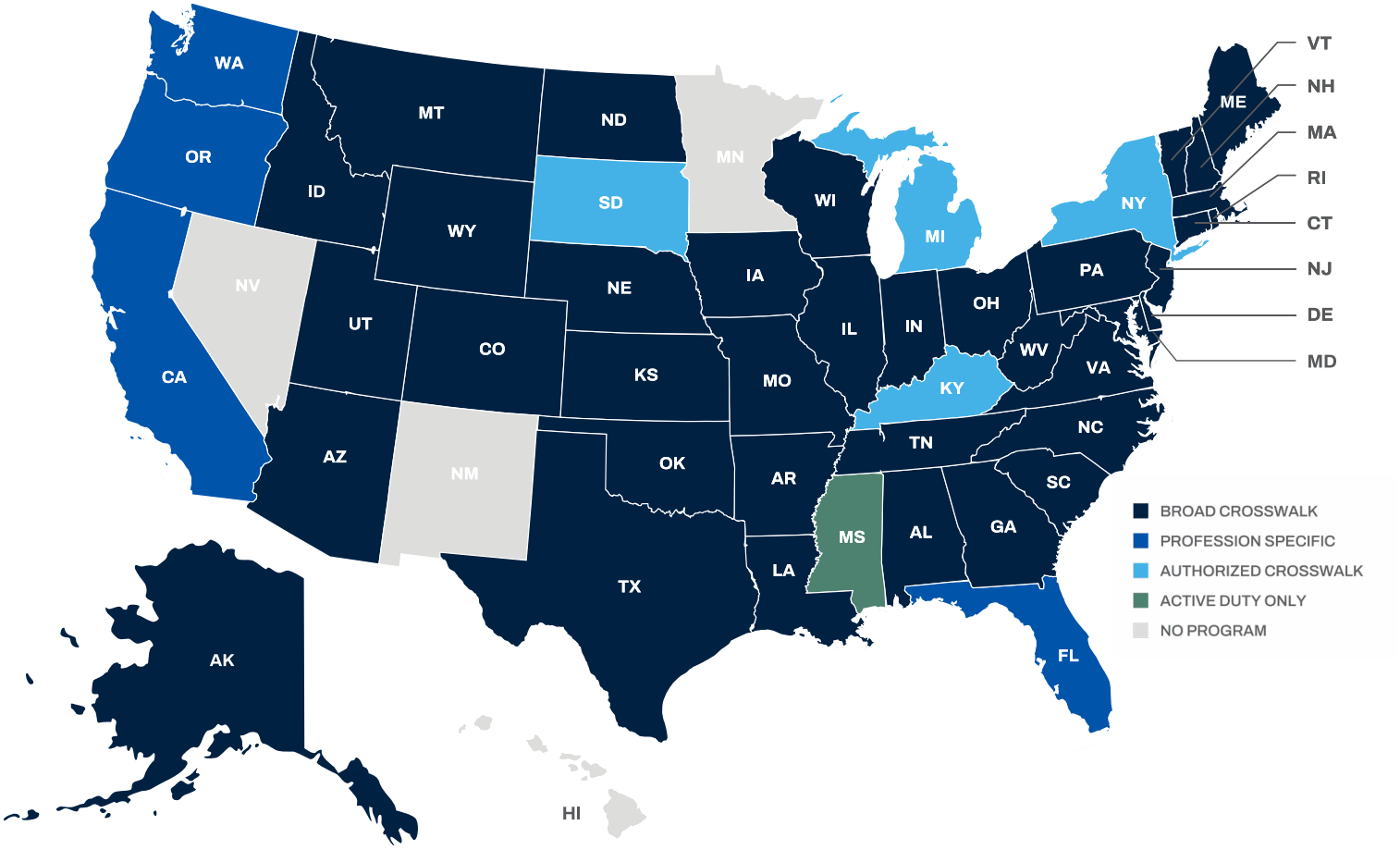
Thirty-seven states have passed broad military crosswalk legislation and receive full credit. Other states receive partial credit for different approaches. Four states passed similar legislation that authorized, but did not require, the department to provide credit for equivalent military service. Another four passed crosswalk legislation for certain professions while excluding major categories of licenses. Mississippi's language limits the crosswalk to current service members and does not include veterans. Four additional states have no programs and receive no credit.

Scoring Details

Military Crosswalk:

- 10 points are awarded when a state has a broad military crosswalk statute.
- 5 points are awarded when a state has a limited military crosswalk statute for certain professions.
- 5 points are awarded when a state authorizes agencies to conduct a military crosswalk program.
- 5 points are awarded when a state has a military crosswalk statute for active-duty service members only.

Military Crosswalk



STATE	SCORE	CATEGORY
Alabama	10	Broad Crosswalk
Alaska	10	Broad Crosswalk
Arizona	10	Broad Crosswalk
Arkansas	10	Broad Crosswalk
California	5	Profession Specific
Colorado	10	Broad Crosswalk
Connecticut	10	Broad Crosswalk
Delaware	10	Broad Crosswalk
Florida	5	Profession Specific
Georgia	10	Broad Crosswalk
Hawaii	0	No Program
Idaho	10	Broad Crosswalk
Illinois	10	Broad Crosswalk
Indiana	10	Broad Crosswalk
Iowa	10	Broad Crosswalk
Kansas	10	Broad Crosswalk
Kentucky	5	Authorized Crosswalk
Louisiana	10	Broad Crosswalk
Maine	10	Broad Crosswalk
Maryland	10	Broad Crosswalk
Massachusetts	10	Broad Crosswalk
Michigan	5	Authorized Crosswalk
Minnesota	0	No Program
Mississippi	5	Active Duty Only
Missouri	10	Broad Crosswalk
Montana	10	Broad Crosswalk
Nebraska	10	Broad Crosswalk
Nevada	0	No Program
New Hampshire	10	Broad Crosswalk
New Jersey	10	Broad Crosswalk
New Mexico	0	No Program
New York	5	Authorized Crosswalk
North Carolina	10	Broad Crosswalk
North Dakota	10	Broad Crosswalk
Ohio	10	Broad Crosswalk
Oklahoma	10	Broad Crosswalk
Oregon	5	Profession Specific
Pennsylvania	10	Broad Crosswalk
Rhode Island	10	Broad Crosswalk
South Carolina	10	Broad Crosswalk
South Dakota	5	Authorized Crosswalk
Tennessee	10	Broad Crosswalk
Texas	10	Broad Crosswalk
Utah	10	Broad Crosswalk
Vermont	10	Broad Crosswalk
Virginia	10	Broad Crosswalk
Washington	5	Profession Specific
West Virginia	10	Broad Crosswalk
Wisconsin	10	Broad Crosswalk
Wyoming	10	Broad Crosswalk

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

ALEC Policy Resource:

Veteran Resource Center Act

Scan for ALEC Resources

The system designed to support veterans is one of the most expansive in the United States. Unfortunately, it is also highly fragmented. The federal government alone spends more than $300 billion each year to support dozens of veterans programs.[7] States then add billions more for state and local programs, and the private sector includes an estimated 45,000 nonprofit organizations that are registered with the IRS as veteran-serving organizations.[8]

Despite the vast resources dedicated to improving veteran well-being, limited coordination has resulted in inefficiencies, duplication, and gaps in service. Rather than duplicating existing resources, states should utilize public-private partnerships to connect veterans with community resources whenever possible.

The ALEC model policy Veteran Resource Center Act creates a structure for leveraging public-private partnerships to connect veterans to community resources. It creates a public corporation that is authorized to coordinate support services for veterans, service members, and their families, including benefits assistance, employment support, mental health programs, education and training opportunities, and family services. It also allows the center to use public-private partnerships, regional offices, online tools, and public or private funding to carry out its mission.

Among the strongest examples of states utilizing public-private partnerships to help veterans are veteran referral networks. These platforms allow state agencies to connect veterans with a broad range of public, private, and nonprofit resources through a single point of entry and a closed-loop referral system. Twelve states currently partner with veteran referral networks.

Scoring Details

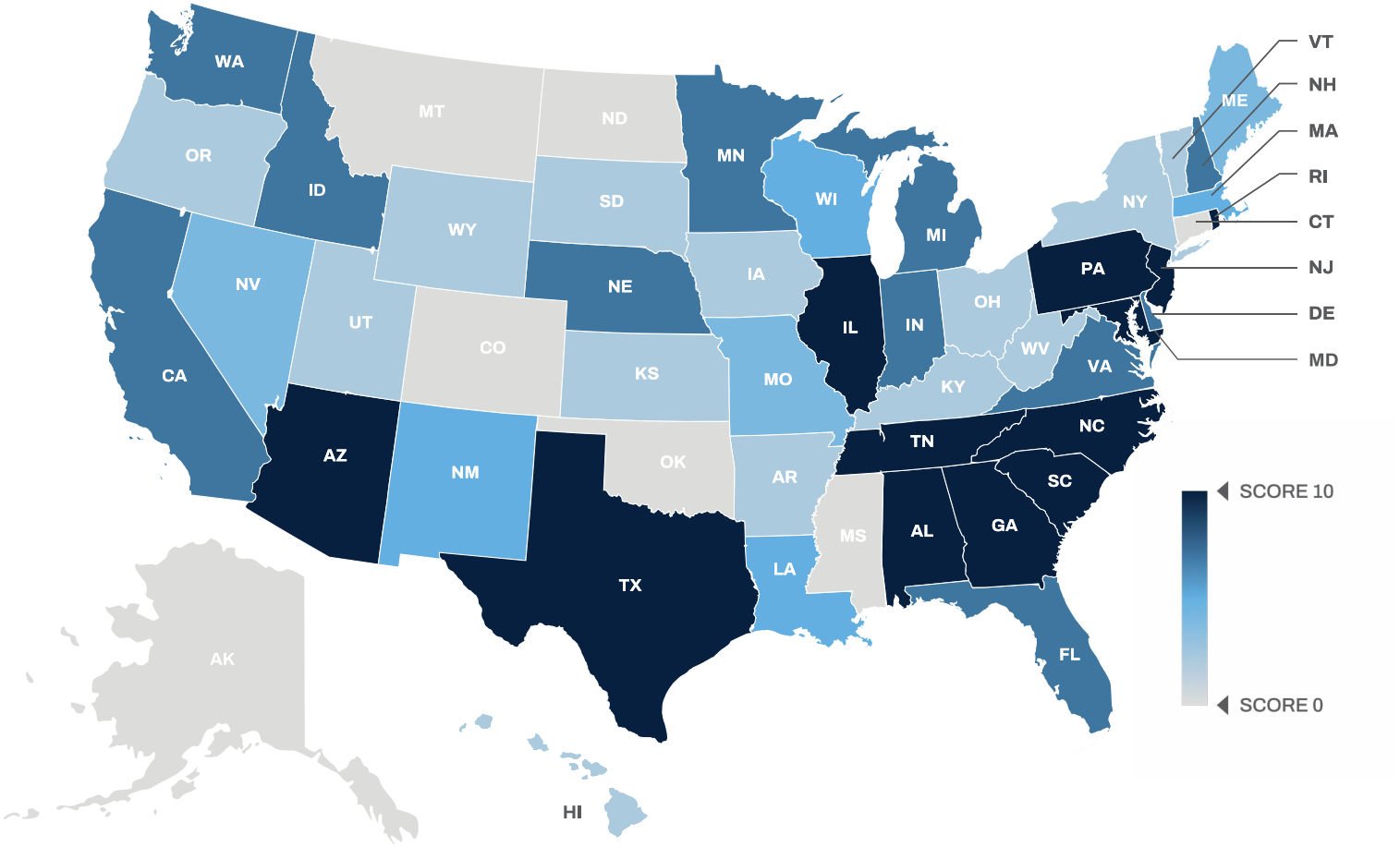
Public-Private Coordination Infrastructure:

- 5 points are awarded when a state has established, funded, or formally partnered with a statewide entity whose purpose is to connect veterans with community resources.
- 2 points are awarded when the statewide entity exists but is limited in scope to one area, such as employment or mental health.

Veteran Referral Technology:

- 5 points are awarded if a state partners with a veteran referral network.
- 2 points are awarded if a state has a directory on its website that provides contact information to community resources across multiple categories.

Public-Private Partnerships



STATE	SCORE	PUBLIC-PRIVATE COORDINATION INFRASTRUCTURE	VETERAN REFERRAL TECHNOLOGY
Alabama	10	5	5
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	10	5	5
Arkansas	2	2	0
California	7	5	2
Colorado	0	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0
Delaware	7	5	2
Florida	7	5	2
Georgia	10	5	5
Hawaii	2	2	0
Idaho	7	5	2
Illinois	10	5	5
Indiana	7	5	2
Iowa	2	2	0
Kansas	2	2	0
Kentucky	2	2	0
Louisiana	5	5	0
Maine	4	2	2
Maryland	10	5	5
Massachusetts	5	5	0
Michigan	7	5	2
Minnesota	7	5	2
Mississippi	0	0	0
Missouri	4	2	2
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	7	5	2
Nevada	4	2	2
New Hampshire	7	5	2
New Jersey	10	5	5
New Mexico	5	5	0
New York	2	2	0
North Carolina	10	5	5
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	2	0	2
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	2	0	2
Pennsylvania	10	5	5
Rhode Island	10	5	5
South Carolina	10	5	5
South Dakota	2	0	2
Tennessee	10	5	5
Texas	10	5	5
Utah	2	2	0
Vermont	2	0	2
Virginia	7	5	2
Washington	7	5	2
West Virginia	2	0	2
Wisconsin	5	5	0
Wyoming	2	0	2

CHAPTER 3:

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS

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VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS

ALEC Policy Resource:

Veterans Treatment Court Act

Scan for ALEC Resources

After finishing their military service, most veterans transition successfully back to civilian life. Unfortunately, multiple deployments, combat experience, and service-related trauma exposure can leave some veterans struggling with the scars of war long after they return home. These veterans may experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST), and other service-related conditions. When untreated, these conditions are associated with an increased risk of involvement with the justice system.[9]

Around 33% of veterans report having been arrested and booked into jail at least once in their lifetime, compared to less than 20% of non-veterans.[10] Additionally, the 2025 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report found that the suicide rate for justice-involved veterans in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) system was 263.7% higher than for other veterans in the VHA.[11]

This reality has led states to create Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs) to support justice-involved veterans. These specialty courts are modeled after drug courts and mental health courts and aim to address the underlying factors that contributed to a veteran's criminal behavior.[12] While no veteran has a right to admission, these courts generally serve veterans whose service-related conditions can be addressed through treatment, supervision, and other supportive services.

Forty-eight states currently have VTCs, but their structure, eligibility criteria, and procedures vary widely. Twenty-nine states have a statewide framework and uniform standards for VTCs, and only 14 have the standards codified in statute. The remaining 19 states leave operational standards to local courts, which allows for wide variability within a state. This potentially violates the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause by giving veterans varying access to services within the same state.[13]

The ALEC model policy Veterans Treatment Court Act addresses these concerns by establishing clear statewide standards for VTC structure, eligibility, and procedures. It establishes eligibility criteria, pre-plea and post-adjudication pathways for entry, court control over admission, and meaningful incentives for veterans who successfully complete treatment. Additionally, if an eligible veteran is charged in a jurisdiction that does not have a VTC, the policy creates a mechanism for the veteran to request his or her case be transferred to a jurisdiction with a VTC.

Scoring Details

Statewide Framework:

- 5 points are awarded when a state has a statewide framework with uniform standards in statute.
- 2 points are awarded when the statewide framework is missing critical elements, such as eligibility criteria and completion incentive.
- 2 points are awarded when the statewide framework is established by the executive branch or judiciary branch outside of statute.

Broad Eligibility:

- 1 point is awarded when the statewide framework allows the court to consider all veterans and service members for entry.
- 0 points are awarded when eligibility is not defined, limited by discharge status, or excludes service members.

Multiple Entry Pathways:

- 1 point is awarded when the state allows eligible veterans and service members to enter a VTC pre-trial and post-adjudication.
- 0 points are awarded when only one entry pathway exists.

Admission Control:

- 1 point is awarded when admission is controlled by the court.
- 0 points are awarded when admission is controlled by the prosecutor.

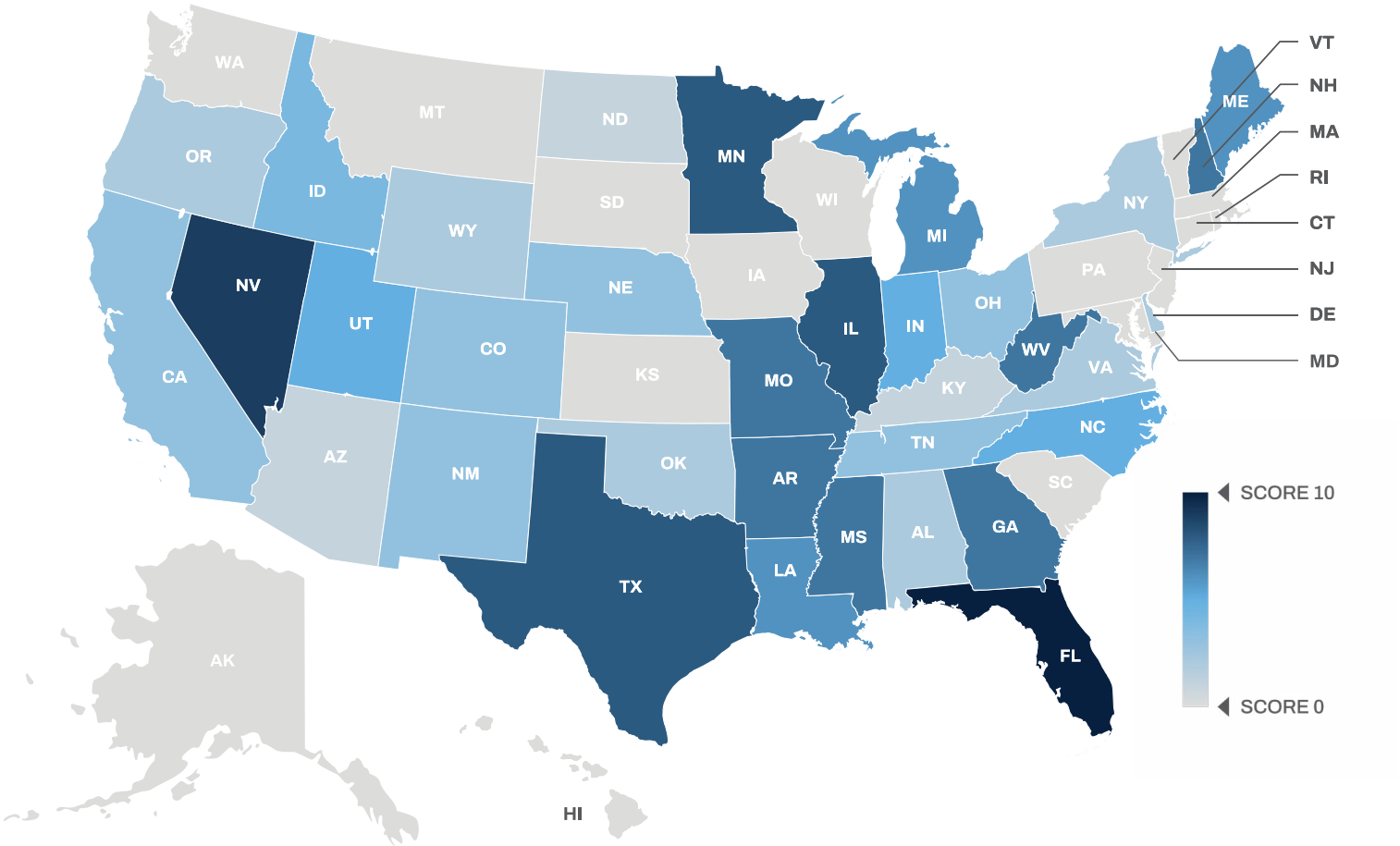
Completion Incentive:

- 1 point is awarded when successful completion of VTC treatment guarantees a defined legal benefit.

Transfer Petition:

- 1 point is awarded when a state allows eligible veterans to petition for transfer if their jurisdiction does not have a VTC.

Veterans Treatment Courts



STATE	SCORE	STATEWIDE FRAMEWORK	BROAD ELIGIBILITY	MULTIPLE ENTRY PATHWAYS	ADMISSION CONTROL	COMPLETION INCENTIVE	TRANSFER PETITION
Alabama	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Arkansas	7	5	1	1	0	0	0
California	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
Colorado	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	10	5	1	1	1	1	1
Georgia	7	5	0	1	1	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	4	2	0	1	1	0	0
Illinois	8	5	1	1	1	0	0
Indiana	5	2	0	1	1	1	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Louisiana	6	5	1	0	0	0	0
Maine	6	2	0	1	1	1	1
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	6	5	0	0	0	1	0
Minnesota	8	5	1	0	1	1	0
Mississippi	7	5	0	1	0	1	0
Missouri	7	5	1	0	1	0	0
Montana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
Nevada	9	5	1	1	1	1	0
New Hampshire	7	5	1	1	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
New York	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
North Carolina	5	2	0	1	1	1	0
North Dakota	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ohio	3	2	0	0	1	0	0
Oklahoma	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Texas	8	5	1	1	0	1	0
Utah	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	7	5	0	1	0	1	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	2	2	0	0	0	0	0

DIVERSION FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS

ALEC Policy Resource:

Veterans Justice Act

Scan for ALEC Resources

While Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs) are the gold standard for supporting justice-involved veterans, not every county or judicial district will have sufficient resources or a veteran population to support a VTC. The ALEC model policy Veterans Justice Act helps ensure that justice-involved veterans in these areas are supported by empowering judges with alternative sentencing options for veterans with service-related conditions, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, substance use disorder, military sexual trauma, and traumatic brain injury. Much like a VTC, these alternative sentencing options order the veteran to complete treatment under probation. Veterans who successfully complete their treatment program will avoid incarceration and have their charges reduced or dismissed, unless the judge finds that the veteran remains an ongoing risk to public safety.

Fourteen states have enacted some form of diversion program that resembles the Veterans Justice Act. To ensure that the policy empowers judges with adequate resources to support eligible veterans, the states are scored on having a veteran diversion program, providing incentives for successful completion, court control over admission, and broad discretion over eligibility.

Scoring Details

Diversion:

- 4 points are awarded when a state has a veteran diversion statute.

Eligibility:

- 2 points are awarded when a judge can use the diversion statute for any veteran or service member.
- 1 point is awarded when the diversion statute does not include service members.
- 0 points are awarded when a judge is prohibited from using the diversion statute based on a veteran's discharge status or specific experience.

Completion Incentive:

- 2 points are awarded when successful completion leads to charges being dismissed or reduced.
- 1 point is awarded when successful completion may lead to charges being dismissed or reduced.

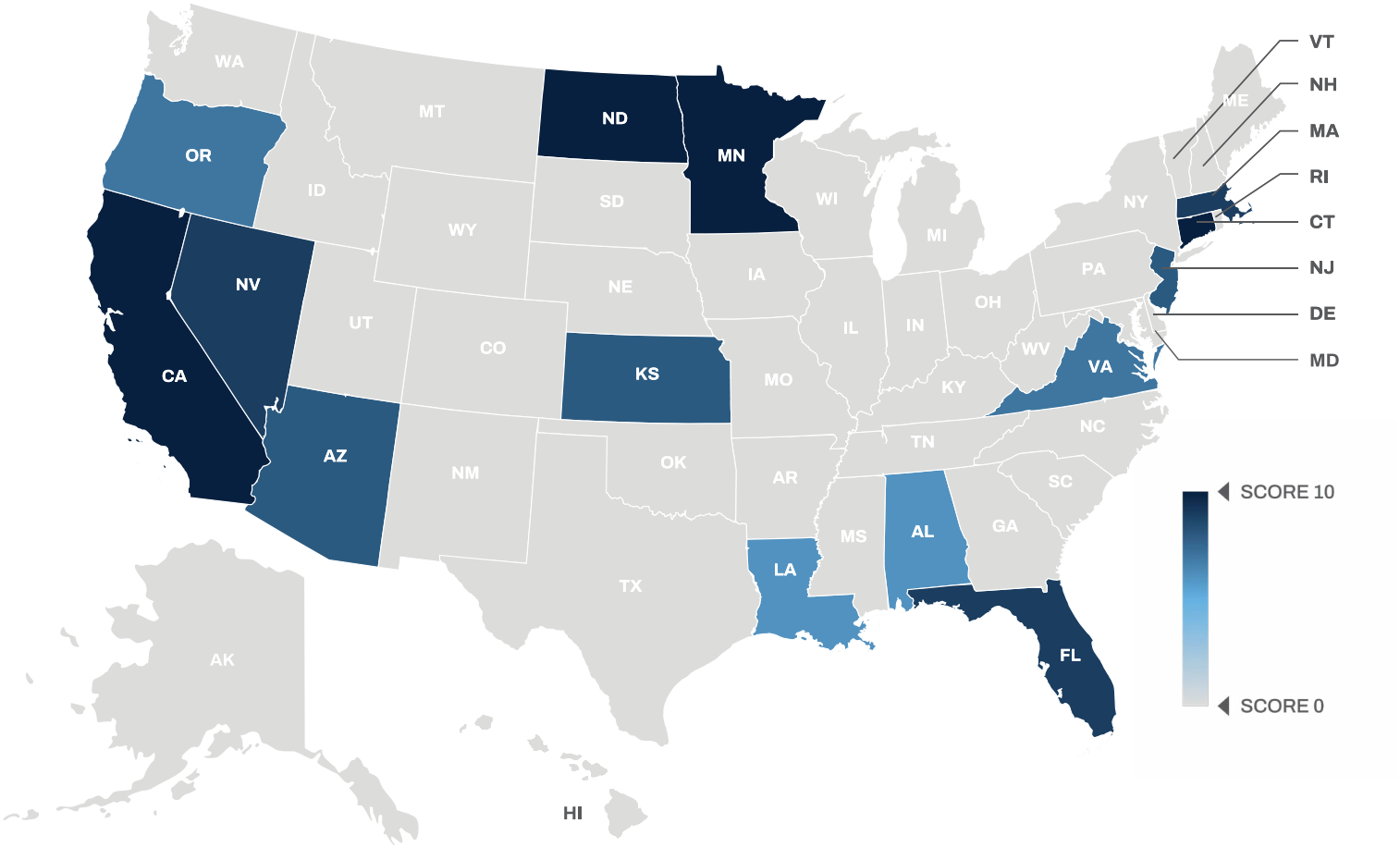
Admission Control:

- 1 point is awarded if the judge has full discretion over using the diversion statute.
- 0 points are awarded if the prosecutor controls entry.

Offense Type:

- 1 point is awarded if the judge has full discretion over using the diversion statute for most offense types.
- 0 points are awarded if broad offense types, such as all felonies, are ineligible.

Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans



STATE	SCORE	DIVERSION	ELIGIBILITY	COMPLETION INCENTIVE	ADMISSION CONTROL	OFFENSE TYPE
Alabama	6	4	0	1	0	1
Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	8	4	2	1	0	1
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0
California	10	4	2	2	1	1
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	9	4	1	2	1	1
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	9	4	2	2	0	1
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas	7	4	0	2	0	1
Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	5	4	0	0	0	1
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	9	4	2	1	1	1
Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	10	4	2	2	1	1
Mississippi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	10	4	2	2	1	1
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	8	4	2	1	0	1
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	9	4	1	2	1	1
Ohio	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	7	4	0	2	0	1
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	7	4	0	1	1	1
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHAPTER 4:

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS

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REGULATED ACCESS TO PSILOCYBIN-ASSISTED THERAPY

ALEC Policy Resource:

The Therapeutic Psilocybin Act for Veterans and First Responders

Scan for ALEC Resources

Currently, treatment options for veterans with service-related mental health conditions are limited. Using post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as an example, trauma-focused therapy, the VA/DoD-recommended first-line treatment for PTSD,[14] has an estimated dropout rate of 27.1%,[15] and 50% of veterans who complete treatment still meet diagnostic criteria for PTSD.[16] Second-line treatments involving FDA-approved medications for PTSD only achieve remission in about 20% to 30% of patients[17] and often cause adverse side effects.[18]

In response, researchers, federal agencies, and states are exploring options to expand access to alternative treatments. Psilocybin, the compound found in certain mushroom species, is gaining traction as one of the most promising.

Clinical research on psilocybin was extensive in the 1960s[19] but was impeded in 1970 when it was classified as a Schedule I substance in the Controlled Substances Act. Schedule I substances are defined as "high abuse potential with no accepted medicinal use."[20] However, researchers at Johns Hopkins Medicine and other academic institutions have questioned whether psilocybin fits this classification, citing research indicating that it has low potential for abuse, has no known lethal overdose threshold, and is being studied for therapeutic applications across multiple conditions.[21]

Research interest began to reemerge in the early 2000s, with multiple studies reporting significant reductions in depression and anxiety symptoms. One recent study reported a 58% remission rate for patients with major depressive disorder (MDD) 12 months post-treatment,[22] a condition that commonly co-occurs with PTSD.[23] In addition to clinical research, observational data from nonprofit-led psilocybin retreats have drawn attention. One study examining veterans who attended a psilocybin retreat in Jamaica reported average improvements of 38% in depression symptoms, 30.4% in anxiety symptoms, and 24.8% in PTSD symptoms.[24]

This growing body of research and institutional engagement has helped move psilocybin-assisted therapy from academic study into state policy action. In the past few years, Oregon, Colorado, and New Mexico have led by enacting legislation to provide access to psilocybin-assisted therapy through regulated access programs. Additionally, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, Utah, and Washington have established pilot programs or research programs for psilocybin-assisted therapy.

These programs do not allow recreational psilocybin use. Instead, they provide a framework for providers to administer psilocybin-assisted therapy to patients in need. In Oregon, over 38,000 psilocybin products have been sold for medicinal use with fewer than 30 calls for emergency services,[25] and a recent real-world study from the Oregon program found significant improvements in depression, anxiety, and general well-being.[26]

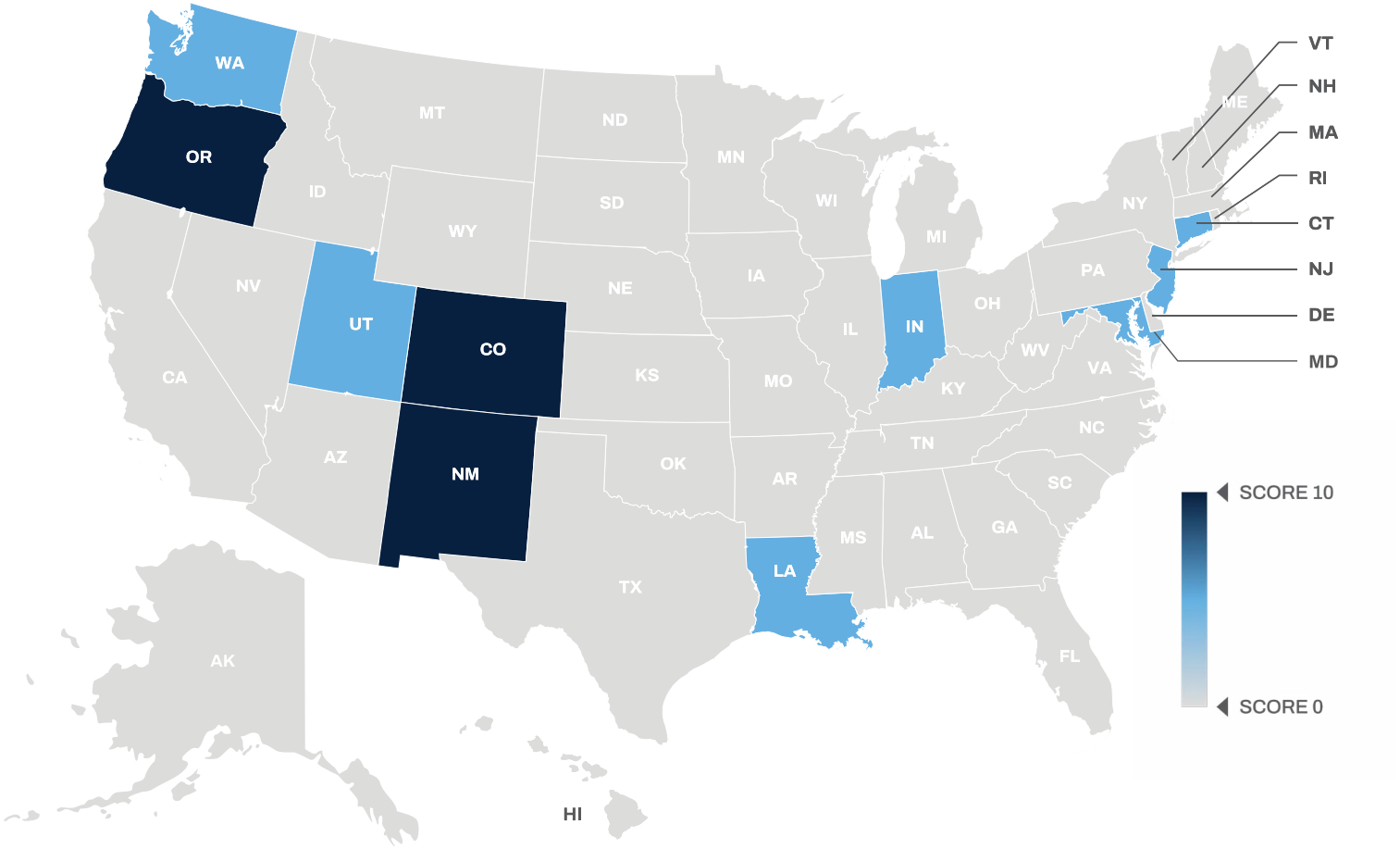
The ALEC model policy Therapeutic Psilocybin Act for Veterans and First Responders provides states with a framework for establishing a regulated access program for psilocybin-assisted therapy while setting clear guardrails that prioritize patient safety, provider accountability, and legislative oversight. By providing a clear state-led framework, the Act allows lawmakers to lead on mental health policy while maintaining oversight, accountability, and public trust.

Scoring Details

Meaningful Access:

- 10 points are awarded when a state has established a regulated access program for psilocybin-assisted therapy.
- 5 points are awarded when a state has established a pilot program or research program for psilocybin-assisted therapy.

Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy



STATE	MEANINGFUL ACCESS
Alabama	0
Alaska	0
Arizona	0
Arkansas	0
California	0
Colorado	10
Connecticut	5
Delaware	0
Florida	0
Georgia	0
Hawaii	0
Idaho	0
Illinois	0
Indiana	5
Iowa	0
Kansas	0
Kentucky	0
Louisiana	5
Maine	0
Maryland	5
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Nebraska	0
Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	5
New Mexico	10
New York	0
North Carolina	0
North Dakota	0
Ohio	0
Oklahoma	0
Oregon	10
Pennsylvania	0
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	0
South Dakota	0
Tennessee	0
Texas	0
Utah	5
Vermont	0
Virginia	0
Washington	5
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	0
Wyoming	0

RESEARCH FUNDING FOR IBOGAINE-ASSISTED THERAPY

ALEC Policy Resource:

Veterans Mental Health Innovations Act

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For veterans who have not experienced relief through traditional treatments, another emerging treatment for service-related mental health conditions is ibogaine-assisted therapy. Ibogaine is a naturally occurring psychoactive compound found in the root bark of the iboga plant in West Africa. In 2024, Stanford Medicine published a study that found an 88% reduction in PTSD symptoms for combat veterans after a single session with ibogaine.[27] This study, along with anecdotal stories from veterans who traveled overseas for ibogaine-assisted therapy, has helped drive interest in clinical research.

The average new drug costs over $1 billion and takes more than 10 years to develop through the FDA approval process.[28] Ordinarily, private drug developers can recover these costs through patent-protected sales following FDA approval. Ibogaine presents a unique challenge because a patent covering its use for opioid addiction expired in 2003, reducing the traditional financial incentive for a private company to fund clinical development.[29]

To help close this funding gap, states have begun using public investment to attract private and philanthropic support for FDA-compliant clinical trials. In 2025, Texas and Arizona allocated $50 million and $5 million, respectively, to fund clinical trials using ibogaine as an investigational new drug. The Texas law also established a multistate research consortium to coordinate research across participating states. Shortly after, the ALEC Veterans and Military Affairs Task Force approved the Veterans Mental Health Innovations Act as model policy, which provides a template for states to join the research effort. Since then, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Oklahoma have joined the multistate consortium.

Earlier this year, President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order (EO) to partner with states in this research effort.[30] The EO allocated at least $50 million from existing funds to support and partner with state governments, created collaboration pathways across governments and research institutions to enhance data sharing, and expedited approval for psychedelic research by providing Commissioner's National Priority Vouchers for certain psychedelic drugs.

Unlike psilocybin, ibogaine remains an investigational treatment and is not yet available through state-regulated access programs. Because of this, states are evaluated based on the steps they have taken to advance clinical development. The scoring criteria recognize states that have established an ibogaine research fund or similar mechanism, committed state funding to clinical research, and enacted language supporting participation in the multistate research consortium.

Scoring Details

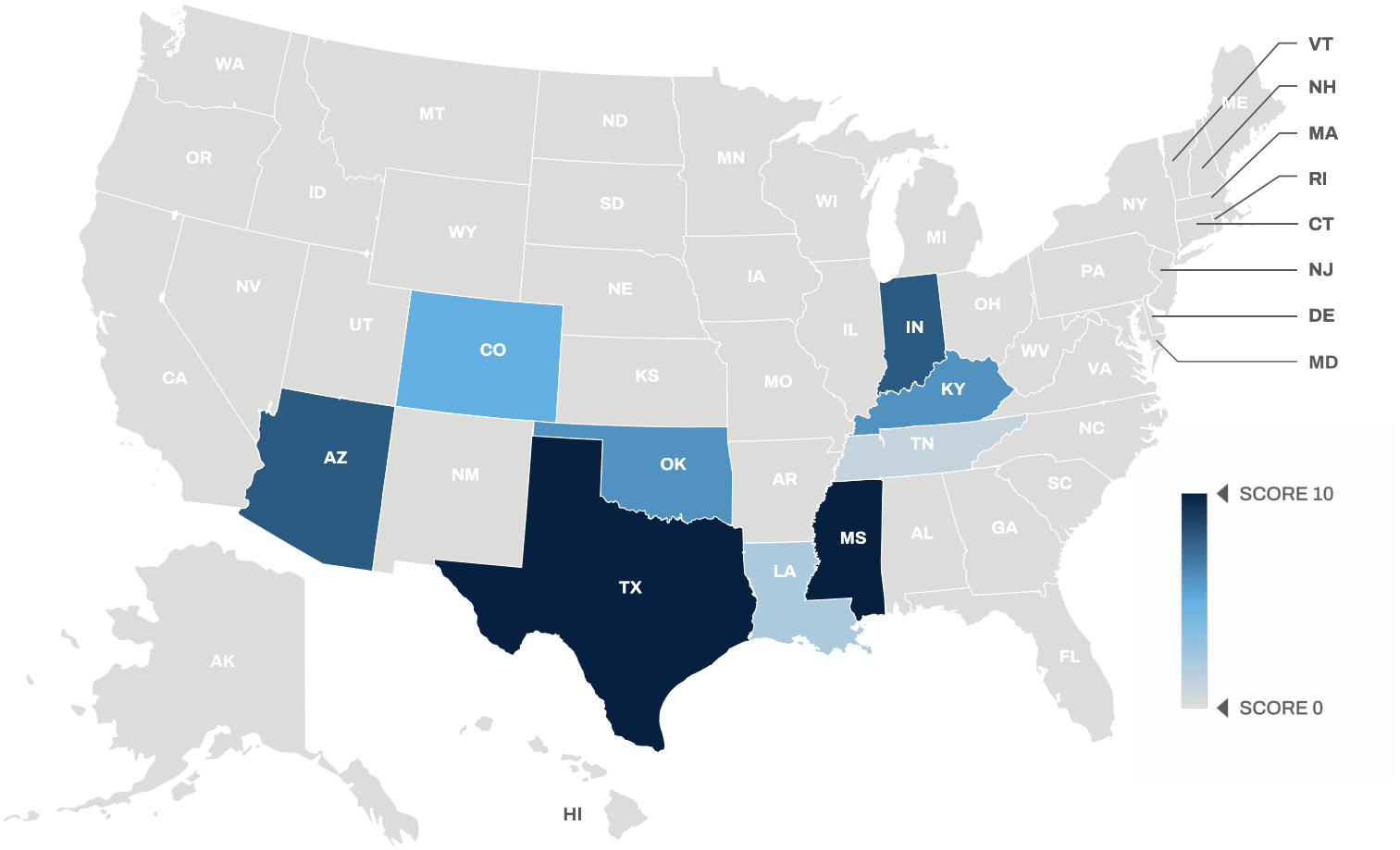
Research Funding:

- 8 points are awarded when a state has allocated funds for ibogaine research.
- 4 points are awarded when a state has created financial pathways to fund ibogaine research but has not yet allocated funds.

Consortium Participation:

- 2 points are awarded when a state statute requires participation in the multistate consortium.
- 1 point is awarded when a state statute says the research institution may participate in the multistate consortium.

Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy



STATE	SCORE	RESEARCH FUNDING	CONSORTIUM PARTICIPATION
Alabama	0	0	0
Alaska	0	0	0
Arizona	8	8	0
Arkansas	0	0	0
California	0	0	0
Colorado	5	4	1
Connecticut	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0
Indiana	8	8	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Kansas	0	0	0
Kentucky	6	4	2
Louisiana	2	0	2
Maine	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0
Mississippi	10	8	2
Missouri	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0
North Carolina	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	0
Oklahoma	6	4	2
Oregon	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	1	0	1
Texas	10	8	2
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	0

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ALEC Model Policies

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The ALEC Veterans and Military Affairs Task Force has considered and adopted a variety of model policies that empower state legislators to support veterans, service members, and military families. These model policies represent best practices that have been scrutinized, debated, and approved by our members. Below is a selection of those model policies that provided the basis for this index. To view these model policies, please scan the QR code on this page.

Supporting Military Families

- Uniformed Services Child School Transitions Act
- Purple Star School Act

Supporting Veterans Through Transition

- Military Crosswalk Act
- Veteran Resource Center Act

Supporting Justice-Involved Veterans

- Veterans Treatment Court Act
- Veterans Justice Act

Supporting Emerging Treatments for Service-Related Mental Health Conditions

- The Therapeutic Psilocybin Act for Veterans and First Responders
- Veterans Mental Health Innovations Act

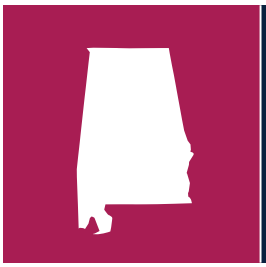
Guiding Principles

- Statement of Principles on Effective Veterans and Military Affairs Policy
- Statement of Principles on Veteran Referral Networks

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ALABAMA

VMA POLICY RANK:

23RD

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	13/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	8/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	6

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	41/100
Veterans per Capita	7.45%	10	
Military Population	27,645	21	



ALASKA

VMA POLICY RANK:

35TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	24/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	10
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	10/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	34/100
Veterans per Capita	9.90%	1	
Military Population	25,133	23	



ARIZONA

VMA POLICY RANK:

3RD

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	23/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	10
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	9/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	1
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	8

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	8/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	8

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	60/100
Veterans per Capita	7.41%	12	
Military Population	30,574	18	



ARKANSAS

VMA POLICY RANK:

7TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	32/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	10
Purple Star Schools	10
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	4

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	7
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	51/100
Veterans per Capita	6.92%	25	
Military Population	14,845	34	



CALIFORNIA

VMA POLICY RANK:

21ST

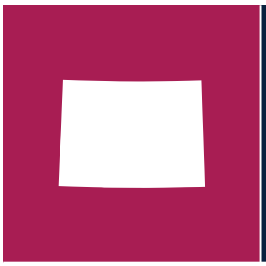
SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	18/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	13/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	3
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	10

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	43/100
Veterans per Capita	4.02%	47	
Military Population	218,061	1	



COLORADO

VMA POLICY RANK:

4TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	31/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	10
Purple Star Schools	7
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	10/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	3/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	3
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	15/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	10
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	5

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	59/100
Veterans per Capita	6.98%	23	
Military Population	48,219	11	



CONNECTICUT

VMA POLICY RANK:

13TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	24/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	10/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	9/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	9

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	5/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	48/100
Veterans per Capita	4.41%	45	
Military Population	13,046	36	



DELAWARE

VMA POLICY RANK:

8TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	31/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	10
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	17/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	2/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	50/100
Veterans per Capita	7.18%	17	
Military Population	8,216	42	



FLORIDA

VMA POLICY RANK:

2ND

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	34/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	10
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	19/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	10
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	9

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	65/100
Veterans per Capita	6.95%	24	
Military Population	107,232	5	



GEORGIA

VMA POLICY RANK:

30TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	10/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	7
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	37/100
Veterans per Capita	7.03%	21	
Military Population	93,135	6	



HAWAII

VMA POLICY RANK:

49TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	16/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	0
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	2/20
Military Crosswalk	0
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	18/100
Veterans per Capita	7.56%	7	
Military Population	56,938	8	



IDAHO

VMA POLICY RANK:

26TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	18/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	17/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	4/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	4
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	39/100
Veterans per Capita	7.43%	11	
Military Population	7,134	45	



ILLINOIS

VMA POLICY RANK:

28TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	11/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	0
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	8/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	8
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	39/100
Veterans per Capita	4.53%	44	
Military Population	46,521	13	



INDIANA

VMA POLICY RANK:

11TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	14/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	17/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	5/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	5
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	13/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	8

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	49/100
Veterans per Capita	5.92%	37	
Military Population	16,671	31	



IOWA

VMA POLICY RANK:

43RD

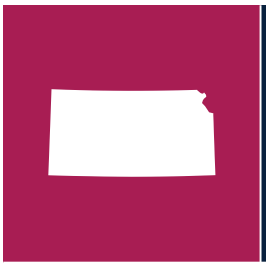
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School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	10
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	
Veterans per Capita	6.19%	33	29/100
Military Population	11,015	39	



KANSAS

VMA POLICY RANK:

34TH

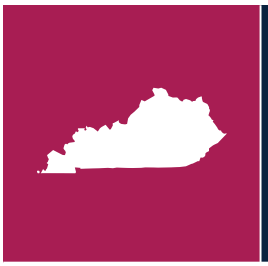
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School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	7

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	35/100
Veterans per Capita	6.65%	29	
Military Population	29,434	20	



KENTUCKY

VMA POLICY RANK:

37TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	19/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	6

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	7/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	1/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	1
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	6/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	6

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	33/100
Veterans per Capita	6.21%	32	
Military Population	40,389	14	



LOUISIANA

VMA POLICY RANK:

17TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	13/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	15/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	5

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	11/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	6
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	5

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	7/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	2

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	46/100
Veterans per Capita	6.02%	36	
Military Population	29,830	19	



MAINE

VMA POLICY RANK: 15TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	26/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	14/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	4

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	6/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	6
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	46/100
Veterans per Capita	7.59%	6	
Military Population	3,937	49	



MARYLAND

VMA POLICY RANK:

10TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	24/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	5/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	49/100
Veterans per Capita	6.83%	27	
Military Population	48,371	10	



MASSACHUSETTS

VMA POLICY RANK:

18TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	22/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	15/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	5

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	9/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	9

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	46/100
Veterans per Capita	3.95%	48	
Military Population	17,904	29	



MICHIGAN

VMA POLICY RANK:

47TH

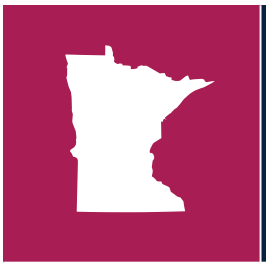
SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	6/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	0
Purple Star Schools	0
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	6/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	6
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	24/100
Veterans per Capita	5.42%	42	
Military Population	15,849	33	



MINNESOTA

VMA POLICY RANK:

38TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	8/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	0
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	7/20
Military Crosswalk	0
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	18/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	8
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	10

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	33/100
Veterans per Capita	5.49%	41	
Military Population	17,994	28	



MISSISSIPPI

VMA POLICY RANK:

27TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	17/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	3
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	5/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	7
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	10/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	10

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	39/100
Veterans per Capita	6.26%	31	
Military Population	25,824	22	



MISSOURI

VMA POLICY RANK:

31ST

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	16/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	14/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	4

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	7
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	37/100
Veterans per Capita	7.02%	22	
Military Population	32,412	16	



MONTANA

VMA POLICY RANK:

36TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	24/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	10/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	34/100
Veterans per Capita	8.44%	3	
Military Population	6,991	46	



NEBRASKA

VMA POLICY RANK:

16TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	26/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	17/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	3/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	3
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	46/100
Veterans per Capita	6.41%	30	
Military Population	12,182	37	



NEVADA

VMA POLICY RANK:

25TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	17/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	3
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	4/20
Military Crosswalk	0
Public-Private Partnerships	4

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	19/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	9
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	10

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	40/100
Veterans per Capita	7.18%	18	
Military Population	18,968	26	



NEW HAMPSHIRE

VMA POLICY RANK:

9TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	26/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	17/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	7
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	50/100
Veterans per Capita	7.03%	20	
Military Population	5,228	48	



NEW JERSEY

VMA POLICY RANK:

14TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	15/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	8/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	8

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	5/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	48/100
Veterans per Capita	3.35%	50	
Military Population	24,850	24	



NEW MEXICO

VMA POLICY RANK:

22ND

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	23/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	5/20
Military Crosswalk	0
Public-Private Partnerships	5

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	3/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	3
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	10/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	10
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	41/100
Veterans per Capita	7.46%	9	
Military Population	17,807	30	



NEW YORK

VMA POLICY RANK:

50TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	6/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	0
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	7/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	2/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	15/100
Veterans per Capita	3.47%	49	
Military Population	47,506	12	



NORTH CAROLINA

VMA POLICY RANK:

19TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	20/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	5/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	5
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	45/100
Veterans per Capita	7.23%	16	
Military Population	116,504	4	



NORTH DAKOTA

VMA POLICY RANK:

29TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	18/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	10/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	10/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	1
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	9

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	38/100
Veterans per Capita	6.86%	26	
Military Population	11,771	38	



OHIO

VMA POLICY RANK:

44TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	14/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	3/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	3
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	29/100
Veterans per Capita	6.15%	34	
Military Population	31,817	17	



OKLAHOMA

VMA POLICY RANK:

5TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	34/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	10
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	10/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	0

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	2/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	6/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	6

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	52/100
Veterans per Capita	7.53%	8	
Military Population	34,415	15	



OREGON

VMA POLICY RANK:

33RD

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	10/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	0
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	7/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	9/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	7

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	10/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	10
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	36/100
Veterans per Capita	6.77%	28	
Military Population	9,651	40	



PENNSYLVANIA

VMA POLICY RANK:

41ST

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	10/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	2
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	30/100
Veterans per Capita	5.76%	39	
Military Population	23,424	25	



RHODE ISLAND

VMA POLICY RANK:

42ND

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	10/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	0
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	30/100
Veterans per Capita	4.80%	43	
Military Population	8,543	41	



SOUTH CAROLINA

VMA POLICY RANK:

39TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	12/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	32/100
Veterans per Capita	8.07%	5	
Military Population	54,956	9	



SOUTH DAKOTA

VMA POLICY RANK:

48TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	16/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	7/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC	Value	Rank	TOTAL SCORE:
Veterans per Capita	7.39%	13	23/100
Military Population	7,978	43	



TENNESSEE

VMA POLICY RANK:

20TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	20/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	3/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	3
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	1/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	1

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	44/100
Veterans per Capita	7.11%	19	
Military Population	18,936	27	



TEXAS

VMA POLICY RANK:

1ST

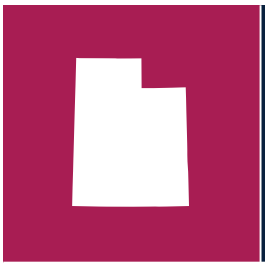
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School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	6
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State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	20/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	10

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	8/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	8
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	10/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	10

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	66/100
Veterans per Capita	6.02%	35	
Military Population	171,544	2	



UTAH

VMA POLICY RANK:

6TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	30/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	10
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	5/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	5
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	5/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	52/100
Veterans per Capita	4.27%	46	
Military Population	16,383	32	



VERMONT

VMA POLICY RANK:

46TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	14/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	26/100
Veterans per Capita	5.71%	40	
Military Population	2,923	50	



VIRGINIA

VMA POLICY RANK: 12TH

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	22/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	6
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	4
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	10

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	17/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	9/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	7

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	48/100
Veterans per Capita	8.86%	2	
Military Population	150,114	3	



WASHINGTON

VMA POLICY RANK:

24TH

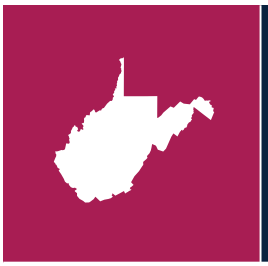
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School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	8
Purple Star Schools	5
Military Homeschoolers	2
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	8

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	5
Public-Private Partnerships	7

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	5/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	5
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	40/100
Veterans per Capita	7.29%	15	
Military Population	71,877	7	



WEST VIRGINIA

VMA POLICY RANK:

40TH

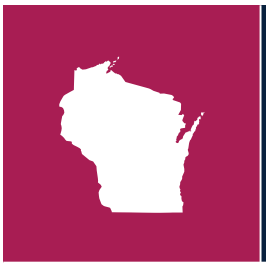
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State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	7/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	7
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	31/100
Veterans per Capita	7.31%	14	
Military Population	7,191	44	



WISCONSIN

VMA POLICY RANK:

45TH

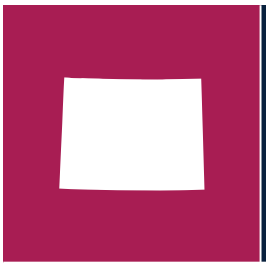
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School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	2
Military Homeschoolers	6
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	0

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	15/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	5

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	0/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	0
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	27/100
Veterans per Capita	5.77%	38	
Military Population	13,795	35	



WYOMING

VMA POLICY RANK:

32ND

SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES	22/40
School Transitions for Military-Connected Students	4
Purple Star Schools	6
Military Homeschoolers	8
State Exemptions for Military-Certified Family Child Care	4

SUPPORTING VETERANS THROUGH TRANSITION	12/20
Military Crosswalk	10
Public-Private Partnerships	2

SUPPORTING JUSTICE-INVOLVED VETERANS	2/20
Veterans Treatment Courts	2
Diversion for Justice-Involved Veterans	0

SUPPORTING EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SERVICE-RELATED MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS	0/20
Regulated Access to Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy	0
Research Funding for Ibogaine-Assisted Therapy	0

DEMOGRAPHIC			TOTAL SCORE:
	Value	Rank	36/100
Veterans per Capita	8.14%	4	
Military Population	6,182	47	

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