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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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Question(s) being considered: How will data on children of military families be collected – what will be the methodology and frequency?		
What ESSA requirements need to be met?: State report card data, including achievement and assessment data, needs to be dis-aggregated for these sub-groups at the school, LEA and state level.		
Solution being proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will need to determine where the children of military families’ data will come from. Collaborate with the Military Compact Commissioner to determine where children of military families are counted (DOD?) – if it turns out that DoD is able to provide data and/or support for gathering student data, it may be most expedient to engage in a data sharing agreement with the owner of these data (might be Military Compact, might be DOD. We are unsure at present). If unable to acquire data through any other means, create new collection to collect these data and eventually try to incorporate into vertical reporting in SLDS. Determining the source of the children of military families data and the data sharing OR the data collection timelines for these elements will have to be considered in our definition of the children of military families cohort. This is because these logistics will impact milestone setting and therefore the calculation to determine the counts and the cohort. Determine feasible means of loading data into SLDS – this will be defined by the data source and the logistics surrounding either their collection or the sharing agreed to with their owner (e.g. DCF and maybe DOD?) 		
Rationale: Explain why your proposal supports each decision logic element below: <i>Equity:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All of these populations, to varying degrees, fall under the federal concern for students who are transitory. They are at-risk of not meeting achievement goals as a result. By collecting these data, AOE can determine how these students perform in relation to their peers. This allows for better provision of educational services. <i>Alignment with current VT policy and practice:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a new requirement under ESSA and requires the development of a new procedure. Consistent with other data requirements, if we will be able to use SLDS to streamline the process. <i>Efficiency (streamlining processes, eliminating duplicative systems or requirements):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If AOE goes the route of integrating the collection of data for military children into the SLDS, whether as a new collection or a new data load received from a partner, AOE will have access to those data in one place. However, integration into the SLDS will require lead time. <i>Possibility (implementation feasibility for the AOE and impacted stakeholders):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This would be a heavy lift for AOE to take on internally so working through data sharing agreements is the preferred method, at least initially. 		
Identify any known or potential risks associated with your proposed solution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional data sharing MOU may need to be produced, depending on the owner of the military children data set. Adding any additional cohorts to the SLDS current scope of work will be after initial 		



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- implementation.
- Adding these data collection/data sharing and data management areas to the AOE IT team is a workload increase – we will need to determine a workflow that is feasible and sustainable.
- AOE IT will need to complete the initial implementation of the SLDS before adding new elements or functionality.
- If pursuing data sharing agreement with DOD (or other entity), the partner for the children of military families data needs to be identified.
- If pursuing a data sharing agreement with DOD (or other entity) an MOU to cover data sharing and scope of work with the children of military families’ data partner will need to be developed and put into place.
- If these data need to be collected independently (i.e. new VTAOE data collection) lead time for administering and carrying out this work will need to be considered.
- Where these data will sit in the edFusion model needs to be determined (e.g. can we handle this with another flag in the Program Participation Flag file?)
- Including these new flags in the Program Participation Flag file may take time as we are currently in initial implementation phase with the SLDS project.
- Potential:
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What are the expected benefits associated with your proposed solution:

- Increased communication with the Military Compact Commissioner to support children of military families.
- Compliance with new reporting requirements.

Secretary’s Decision

Date: 11/6/16

Initials:

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Confirm recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team

Reject recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team and offer the following as an alternative: