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- House Bill 124, sponsored by Rep. Danny Ford, signed into law 25 March 2009, authorizes public school principals the authority to grant excused absences for students with a parent or legal guardian serving the United States Armed Forces and called to active duty, the following:
 1. An excused absence for one (1) day when the member is deployed.
 2. An additional excused absence for one (1) day when the service member returns from deployment.
 3. Excused absences for up to ten (10) days for visitation when the member is stationed out of the country and is granted rest and recuperation leave.

A student receiving an excused absence under this subsection shall have the opportunity to make up school work missed and shall not have his or her class grades adversely affected for lack of class attendance or class participation due to the excused absence.

A student receiving an excused absence under this subsection shall be considered present in school during the excused absence for the purposes of calculating average daily attendance as defined by KRS 157.320 under the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky program.



- **Senate Bill 39**, sponsored by Sen. Tom Buford, signed into law 25 March 2009, expands the interstate compact on education transition for military children. Kentucky was one of the first two states, along with Kansas, to adopt the compact in April 2008. The law is designed to ease the transition for military children as their service member parents move from assignment to assignment during their careers. There are currently some 30,834 school-age children of military families residing in Kentucky. SB 39 will expand this to include the children of civilian employees of the military. This will become even more significant for military families as the Base Realignment and Closure changes are implemented at Ft. Knox and the significant influx of civilian employees of the military such as the Human Resources Command for the Army.