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<p align="center"><b>Administrative Policy</b> ACCESSING LEGAL COUNSEL POLICY</p>	<p align="center"><b>Issued:</b> December 7, 2017</p>

**I. Authority**

The Executive Committee is vested with the power to act on behalf of the Interstate Commission during periods when the Interstate Commission is not in session.

**II. Applicability**

This policy applies to signatory states to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Commissioners or Designees appointed to represent those states to the National Commission, State Legal Representatives and all persons engaged in the business of the Compact.

**III. Policy**

- a. The Commissioners or Designees appointed to represent those states to the National Commission, State Legal Representatives and all persons engaged in the business of the Compact shall access the Legal Counsel of the Commission through the Executive Director. Pursuant to the Compact and Compact Rules, these persons may request a legal interpretation in writing or by email through the Executive Director.

The Legal Counsel of the Commission shall not communicate directly to anyone in regards to his scope of responsibility to the Commission on matters for which a fee for legal services will be charged to the Commission without the knowledge of the Executive Director.

- b. Should costs be incurred due to Commissioners or Designees, State Legal Representatives, or persons engaged in the business of the Compact communicating directly with the Legal Counsel of the Commission without the Executive Director's approval, the non-approved fees or costs will not be paid by the Commission.