



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE ALASKA



OVERVIEW

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts and the U.S. Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, national associations, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Compact eases interstate education transition challenges encountered by the children of active duty service members such as enrollment, eligibility, placement and graduation. On average, military students will attend six to nine different school systems from kindergarten to 12th grade.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting began early in 2007. First available for legislative consideration in 2008, the Compact was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

HISTORY

Alaska adopted the Compact in May 2009 and the model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. Elements governing the Commissioner, State Council, administration and the payment of dues were added. The dues are paid by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative John Coghill and Senator Charlie Huggins

Governor Signed: May 15, 2009, 19th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Alaska Statutes 14.34.010

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	Dr. Michael Johnson	2016 – Present
	Michael Hanley	2011 – 2015
	Larry LeDoux	2009 – 2011
<u>DESIGNEE</u>	Terry Ryals	2019 - Present
	Marcy Herman	2011 – 2018

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

Sec. 14.34.020. Compact Administrator.

Under the compact established under AS 14.34.010, the commissioner may designate an officer as the compact administrator. The compact administrator shall cooperate with all departments, agencies, and officers of and in the government of this state and its subdivisions in facilitating the proper administration of the compact or of a supplementary agreement entered into by this state.

Sec. 14.34.010. State Council

- (a) *Each member state shall, through the creation of a State Council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among the agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and Interstate Commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own State Council, its membership must include at least*
 - 1) *The state superintendent of education;*
 - 2) *The superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children;*
 - 3) *A representative from a military installation;*
 - 4) *One representative each from the legislative and executive branches of government; and*
 - 5) *A representative from other offices and stakeholder groups that the State Council considers appropriate.*
- (b) *A member state that does not have a school district considered to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the State Council.*

Sec. 14.34.030. State Council.

The board shall designate a subcommittee of its membership to serve as the state council under AS 14.34.010. Consistent with state law, the board shall designate other persons to serve on the subcommittee to complete the representation required by the compact established under AS 14.34.010.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The state Council was established in 2011 and meets in December.