



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

Location in Statute or Code: Alaska Statutes 14.34.010

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| <u>COMMISSIONER</u> | Dr. Michael Johnson | 2016 – Present |
| | Michael Hanley | 2011 – 2015 |
| | Larry LeDoux | 2009 – 2011 |
| <u>DESIGNEE</u> | Marcy Herman | 2011 – Present |

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. 14.34.030. 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

State Council meetings are currently held in December.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Alaska adopted the Compact in 2009.
- The State Council was established in 2011.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Alaska has attended every meeting since 2009 by the Commissioner or the Commissioner Designee.