

Arkansas

State Code attached to MIC3 Statute

Code bearing on the implementation or appointment of the Commissioner are highlighted.

AR Code § 6-4-303 (2015)

(a) Under the compact established under this subchapter, the Compact Commissioner for Arkansas shall be the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

(b) The Compact Commissioner for Arkansas is responsible for the administration and management of the state participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children adopted under this subchapter.

(c) The Compact Commissioner for Arkansas shall cooperate with all departments, agencies, and officers of and in government of this state as well as all school districts and political subdivisions of this state for the administration of this compact or supplementary agreements entered into by the state.

AR Code § 6-4-304 (2015)

(a) There is created the State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to be composed of the following members:

(1) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, serving as Compact Commissioner for Arkansas as provided under § 6-4-303;

(2) The superintendent of the school district with the greatest number of military children from a military installation;

(3) One (1) member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Education Association;

(4) One (1) member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;

(5) (A) One (1) member selected from the state at large and appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation of the Senate.

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas School Boards Association before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(5)(A) of this section;

(6) The charter school leader of the open-enrollment public charter school with the greatest number of military children from a military installation; and

(7) A representative from a military installation in Arkansas who will serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

(b) (1) Each appointed member shall have a background or interest in the education of military children.

(2) (A) The terms for the initial appointees to the council shall be staggered as determined by lot with:

(i) One (1) member serving a term of three (3) years;

(ii) One (1) member serving a term of four (4) years; and

(iii) One (1) member serving a term of five (5) years.

(B) Each succeeding appointment to the council shall be for a term of five (5) years, but the member appointed shall serve until the member's successor is appointed.

(3) (A) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the official that made the appointment.

(B) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) (1) The council shall meet at least quarterly or as decided upon by a majority of its members.

(2) The council shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski County or via teleconference or web conference as technology becomes available and as desired to allow for scheduling flexibility for its members.

(d) (1) A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum for transacting business of the council.

(2) All actions of the council shall be by a quorum.

(e) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee serving as Compact Commissioner for Arkansas shall be the chair of the council and be a full-voting member.

(f) Appointments to the council shall be for a term of four (4) years.

(g) All state agencies, school districts, and political subdivisions of the state shall furnish to the council any information and assistance the council may reasonably request.

[AR Code § 6-4-305 \(2015\)](#)

(a) Within thirty (30) days from the date the appointments are initially made, the members of the State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall appoint a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children adopted under this subchapter.

(b) The council may promulgate rules for the administration of this subchapter.

[AR Code § 6-4-306 \(2015\)](#)

(a) The military family education liaison shall be an ex officio member of the State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

(b) The military family education liaison shall have specialized knowledge related to the educational needs of military children and the obstacles that military children face in obtaining an education.

(c) The military family education liaison shall serve a term of four (4) years.

[AR Code § 6-4-307 \(2015\)](#)

Under the compact established under this subchapter and using the definitions in the compact:

(1) The minimum fee for a member state is two thousand dollars (\$2,000);

(2) The maximum fee for each member state is two dollars (\$2.00) per student who is a child of an active duty military family; and

(3) The fees paid or owed shall not exceed the amount appropriated for the payment of fees under this compact for each fiscal year by the General Assembly.

[AR Code § 6-4-308 \(2015\)](#)

(a) This subchapter shall not affect the immunity from suit granted to state officials and employees under § 19-10-305 or to the state and its official agencies under Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 20.

(b) The exercise of the powers and performance of duties provided for in this subchapter by the Compact Commissioner for Arkansas, the State Council for Arkansas, and the military family education liaison for Arkansas and its officers, agents, and employees are declared to be public and governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose and matters of public necessity, conferring upon each authority governmental immunity from suit in tort.