



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

## ARKANSAS



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

Arkansas adopted the Compact in February 2013. The model language was adopted with modifications for the Arkansas Code. Subchapters 6-4-303 through 307 addresses Article VIII of the Interstate Compact and the allocation of dues. The dues are paid by the Arkansas Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Senators E. Williams, J. English and Representatives Perry, House, S. Malone

**Location in Statute or Code:** Arkansas Code, Title 6, Chapter 24, Subchapter 6-4-301 thru 6-4-307

<b><u>COMMISSIONER</u></b>	John "Don" Kaminar	2015 – Present
	Jeremy Lasiter	2013 – 2015

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** Subchapter 6-4-303 states that the Commissioner for Arkansas under the Interstate Compact shall be the Commissioner of Education or a person of their choosing.

### STATE COUNCIL

Subchapter 6-4-304 governs the composition and member terms of the Arkansas State Council. Subchapter 6-4-305 governs the duties and responsibilities of the State Council.

Subchapter 6-4-306 requires that the State Council choose their Military Family Education Liaison (MFEL) within 30 days of being established.

### STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets quarterly.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Kaminar was appointed the Rules Committee Chair at the 2016 Annual Meeting.
- Commissioner Kaminar serves as a member of the Executive Committee.
- Commissioner Kaminar was the Vice Chair of the Rules Committee in 2016.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Arkansas has attended every meeting since 2013.