



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE CONNECTICUT



## 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

Connecticut is one of the original 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Connecticut Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Ted Graziani

**Governor Signed:** May 12, 2008, Fourth State to join the Compact

**Location in Statute or Code:** Connecticut Revised Statutes, Chapter 164, Section 10-15f

<b><u>COMMISSIONER</u></b>	Dianna Wentzell	January 2015 – Present
	Stefan Pryor	October 2011 – January 2015
	George Coleman	December 2010 – October 2011
	Mark McQuillan	April 2007 – December 2010
<b><u>DESIGNEE</u></b>	Laura Anastasio	2008 – Present

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

### *ARTICLE VIII*

#### *State Coordination*

*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 its 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: The state superintendent of education, superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, representative from a military installation, one representative each from the legislative and executive branches of government, and other offices and stakeholder groups the State Council deems appropriate. A member state that does not have a school district deemed 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.*

*B. The State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.*

*C. The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.*

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets bi-annually.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Designee Anastasio is the Vice Chair of the Executive Committee.
- Commissioner Designee Anastasio served as the Chair of the Compliance Committee from 2012-2013.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Connecticut has attended every meeting since 2008.

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