



# 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, placing it into statute in May 2008. 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

**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

The State Council for Connecticut is comprised as follows:

- *The state superintendent of education's designee,*
- *Superintendent of a (three) school district(s) with a high concentration of military children,*
- *Representative from a military installation,*
- *One representative from the legislative branch of government,*
- *One representative from the executive branch of government,*
- *Other offices and stakeholder groups the State Council deems appropriate, which includes one representative from the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, one representative from the Connecticut Association of School Superintendents (CASS), and one representative from each of two additional school districts with high concentrations of military children*

*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.*

*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.*

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets bi-annually.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Designee Anastasio is the Vice Chair of the Compliance 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.