



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE FLORIDA



## 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

Florida is one of the original 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact, placing it into statute in June 2008. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. When the bill passed it lacked a funding source for the dues. This was later resolved when funds were allocated in the budget for the Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative William Proctor and Senator Ronda Storms

**Location in Statute or Code:** FS 1000.31-1000.39

**Reauthorization:** 2013      **Sunset:** 2019

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	CAPT Robert A. Buehn, USN (Ret)	2011 – Present
	Spessard Boatright	2008 – 2011

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** Governor

## STATE COUNCIL - Interstate Compact in Florida Statutes

Specific guidance for the composition and the operation of the State council can be found in FS 1000.39. The Council is to be comprised of the following:

- (3) *The council shall consist of the following seven members:*
- (a) *The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.*
  - (b) *The superintendent, or his or her designee, for the school district with the highest percentage per capita of military children during the previous school year.*
  - (c) *Two members appointed by the Commissioner of Education, one of whom shall represent a military installation located within this state and one of whom shall represent the executive branch and possess experience in assisting military families in obtaining educational services for their children. The term of each member appointed under this paragraph shall be for 4 years, except that, in order to provide for staggered terms, the Commissioner of Education shall initially appoint one member to a term of 2 years and one member to a term of 3 years.*
  - (d) *One member appointed by, and who shall serve at the pleasure of, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
  - (e) *The Compact Commissioner and the Military Family Education Liaison designated by the Governor under s. 1000.38, who shall serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the council.*

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets quarterly, three meetings by teleconference call and one in Tallahassee.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Buehn has served as the Treasurer of the Commission and the Finance Committee Chair since 2012.
- Commissioner Buehn serves on the Executive Committee.
- Florida hosted the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Florida has attended every meeting since 2008.