



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE GEORGIA



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 12th 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

Georgia adopted the Compact in April 2012. The model language was adopted with modifications for the Georgia Code. The dues are paid by the Georgia Department of Education. The Interstate Compact legislation was signed into law at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, just outside of Columbus, GA.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative John Yates and Senator Ed Harbison

Location in Statute or Code: Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 and 2

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| <u>COMMISSIONER</u> | Dr. James Robin Hines | 2016 – Present |
| | MG(R) David Bockel, USA | 2013 – 2016 |

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

While the State Council is composed of the same member outlined in the model language, the Council has chosen to expand their ranks to include installation school liaisons and two representatives from the U.S. Department of Defense, one from the U.S. Air Force and one from the U.S. Army.

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 branch of government*
- *One representative from the executive branch of government*
- *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.

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 quarterly.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Bockel served on the search committee for a new executive director in 2013.
- Commissioner Bockel also served as the Vice Chair of the Rules Committee in 2015.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Georgia has attended every meeting since 2013 by the Commissioner or a Temporary Commissioner. They were unable to attend in 2012 due to scheduling issues.