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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

Illinois adopted the Compact on June 28, 2010. Unlike other states, the Compact was harder to distinguish due to ordering and restructuring by the legislature. When reauthorized and revised in 2014, elements of the model compact were restored. Dues are paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Thomas Holbrook

Governor Signed: June 28, 2010, 35th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Illinois Compiled Statues, 45 ILCS 175

Reauthorization: 2014

COMMISSIONER	Dr. Darcy Benway	2019 – present
	CDR Brian Riegler, USNR (Ret)	2012 – 2018
	Dr. Sam McGowen	2010 – 2012

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: State Council

STATE COUNCIL

Illinois, unlike most states, has predesignated the Illinois P-20 Council to serve as the State Council.

(105 ILCS 70/40)

Sec. 40. State coordination.

(a) Each member state of the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children 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 the compact and Interstate Commission activities. The State Council shall be comprised of the Illinois P-20 Council, a representative from a school district associated with U.S. Army Garrison - Rock Island Arsenal having the highest percentage of students who are children of active duty military personnel, a representative from a school district associated with Scott Air Force Base having the highest percentage of students who are children of active duty military personnel, a representative from a school district associated with Naval Station Great Lakes having the highest percentage of students who are children of active duty military personnel, a representative from the school district with the highest percentage of students who are children of active duty military personnel not already represented in the State Council, and a non-voting representative appointed by each active-duty military installation commander in this State.

(b) The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the State's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the State Council.

(Source: P.A. 97-216, eff. 1-1-12; 98-673, eff. 6-30-14.)

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

In November 2018, the Illinois P-20 Council approved a sub-committee which will function as the State Council. The State Commissioner was appointed by the P-20 Council and the Military Interstate Council Members were confirmed. The first meeting was held January 31, 2019 in Springfield.