



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE ILLINOIS



## 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

Illinois adopted the Compact in June 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

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

**Reauthorization:** 2014

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	CDR Brian Riegler, USNR (Ret)	2012 – 2018
	Dr. Sam McGowen	2010 – 2012

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: State Council

## STATE COUNCIL

Illinois, unlike most states, has a 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.*

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council (Illinois P-20 Council) meets quarterly.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Illinois has attended every meeting since 2010. In 2015, the Chair of the P-20 Council attended due to the activation and deployment of their Commissioner, CDR Brian Riegler, USNR (Ret).

## DUES

The dues are paid through the Department of Veterans Affairs