



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

## INDIANA



### 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 Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, and stakeholders from 18 different organizations and national associations, including representatives of parents, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Interstate Compact eases education transition issues faced by the children of active duty service members transferring between school districts and states. Most military children will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children when dealing with issues of enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation when transferring schools.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting of the Compact began early in 2007. The Compact was first available for legislative consideration in 2008. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

### HISTORY

Indiana adopted the Interstate Compact into statute in April 2009. The model language of the Interstate Compact was adopted with modification for the format of the Indiana Code. The dues are paid by the Indiana the Adjutant General's office.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Vern Tincher and Senator Thomas Wyss

**Location in Statute or Code:** Indiana Code 20-38-3

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Laura Snyder	2013 – 2017
	Tom Applegate	2011 – 2013

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** Governor

### STATE COUNCIL

The State Council for Indiana is comprised exactly as stated in the model language:

*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 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

At this time, Indiana has not established a State Council. Laura Snyder has been contacted the Governor's office about appointing a State Council.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In 2016, Indiana adopted an amendment to statute Indiana Code 20-19-3-9.4 (b). Senate Enrolled Act 189 was enacted to improve confidentiality and consistency of the data. The Indiana Department of Education has created a data form that is used by all Indiana school districts to collect the data in a more detailed and consistent format. The data collected is to be kept confidential in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws.



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- The Indiana Commissioner with the assistance of the Indiana Department of Education State School Counselor have successfully assisted with the transition of five (5) military families to Indiana school districts during the 2016-2017 school year.

### MIC3 ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE

Indiana was in attendance at the MIC3 Annual Meeting in 2014 and 2016.