



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE MAINE



## 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

Maine adopted the Compact in June 2009. The model language was adopted with modifications for the statutory format. The dues are paid by the Maine Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Jarrett S. Crockett

**Governor Signed:** June 16, 2009, 23<sup>rd</sup> State to join the Compact

**Location in Statute or Code:** Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Chapter 901

<b><u>COMMISSIONER</u></b>	Robert G. Hasson Jr.	2017 - Present
	Dr. William Beardsley	2016 – 2017
	Debra Plowman (Acting)	2016
	Tom Desjardin	2014 – 2016
	Jim Rier	2013 – 2014
	Stephen Bowen	2011 – 2013
	Susan Gendron	2009 – 2010
<b><u>DESIGNEE</u></b>	Tyler Backus	2019 – Present
	Sarah Forster	2013 – 2019
	Shelly Reed	2009 – 2011

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

### **§20108. State coordination - Article 8**

**1. Establishment or designation of board; state council.** Each member state 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, this compact and interstate commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own state council, its membership must include at least:

A. The state superintendent of education; [2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

B. The superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children. A member state that does not have a school district considered to contain a high concentration of children of military families may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the state council; [2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

C. One representative from a military installation; [2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

D. One representative each from the legislative and executive branches of government; and [2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

E. Other offices and stakeholder groups the state council determines appropriate. [2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

[ 2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Military family education liaison.** The state council shall appoint a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this chapter. 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.



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[ 2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Compact commissioner.** *The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact must be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.*

[ 2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

**4. Ex officio members.** *The military family education liaison appointed pursuant to subsection 2 and the compact commissioner appointed pursuant to subsection 3 serve as ex officio members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council.*

[ 2009, c. 409, §1 (NEW).]

### STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The State Council received the 2014 Peter Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award.