



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 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

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

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

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	VACANT	
	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
<u>DESIGNEE</u>	Sarah Forster	2013 – Present
	Shelly Reed	2009 – 2011

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

The State Council is comprised almost 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.

The Council added additional members in 2015.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

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- Commissioner Reed served as the PR and Training Committee Chair from 2010-2011.
- Commissioner Reed was a member of the Executive Committee from 2010-2011.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Maine attended the Meeting in 2009 and 2010. They did not attend in 2011 due to a Commissioner vacancy. Maine sent a representative in 2012 and a Commissioner Designee from 2013-2016.