



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE MICHIGAN



## 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

Michigan is one of the original 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact, placing it into statute in April 2008. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. However, the legislature clarified the appointment and qualifications of the Commissioner in separate section. The annual dues are paid by the Michigan Department of Military Affairs.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Gino Polidori

**Location in Statute or Code:** Michigan Revised Statutes, Sections 3.1041 and 3.1042

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	COL(R) Russ Gullett, USA	2014 – Present
	COL Dan Leatherman, MIARNG	2012 – 2013
	Brig Gen (Ret) Michael L. Peplinski, MIARNG	2008 – 2010
<b>DELEGATE</b>	Thomas Bell	2008 – 2011

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY** Governor Rick Snyder

## STATE COUNCIL

The State Council for Michigan is comprised almost exactly as stated in the model language and the current members include:

- Brian Whiston - State Superintendent of Public Instruction | Michigan Department of Education
- Louis Burgess - Executive Branch Representative | Michigan Department of Education
- Senator David Knezek - Legislative Branch Representative | Michigan Senate | District 5
- Karl Paulson - School District Representative | Superintendent | St Clair Shores Lakeview Public Schools
- LTC Jeffery Winston, USA - Military Representative | Army ROTC | Michigan State University
- CAPT Edwardeen Jones, USN (ret) - Troops to Teachers | Michigan Department of Education

### Ex-Officio Members

- COL(R) Russ Gullett, USA - Senior Deputy Director | Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Kevin Walters - Education Liaison | Michigan Department of Education

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## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually. They encourage participation from all educational support activities such as the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, the Michigan High School Counselor Association, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and Parent Teacher Associations.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Michigan attended the meeting from 2008-2010, 2012, and 2014-2016. They were absent in 2011 and 2013 due to Commissioner vacancies.