



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE NORTH CAROLINA



## 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

North Carolina was one of the first 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact, placing it into statute in August 2008. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Grier Martin

**Location in Statute or Code:** New Carolina Statutes, Article 29B § 115C-407.5

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	E. Alex Erwin III	2017
	Michael Boose	2013-2017
	David Phillips	2008-2013

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

The State Council for North Carolina 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*

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. (Doug Taggart, 919-807-3346, doug.taggart@dpi.nc.gov)

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council has been appointed and meets twice each year (with 2 calls a month ahead of the meetings).

Details available at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/militarysupport/council/>

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Phillips served as the Rules Committee Chair from 2008-2010.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

North Carolina has attended every meeting since 2008 by the Commissioner or a Temporary Commissioner.