



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE NORTH DAKOTA



## 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

The model language was adopted with modifications for the North Dakota Century Code. The dues are paid by the North Dakota National Guard.

**Bill sponsor(s):** HB 1248 (2011) - Representatives Kim Koppelman, Karen Karls, Mark Sanford, and Lois Delmore; Senators Rich Wardner and Carolyn C. Nelson  
HB 1293 (2013) - Representatives Kim Koppelman, Joe Heilman, Karen Karls, Mike Nathe, Karen M. Rohr, Dan Ruby, Mark Sanford, Blair Thoreson, and Bob Hunsakor; Senators Larry Luick, Donald Schaible, and Carolyn C. Nelson

**Governor Signed:** May 17, 2011, 38<sup>th</sup> State to join the Compact

**Location in Statute or Code:** North Dakota Century Code, Chapter 15.1-04.1

**Reauthorization:** 2013

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	LTC Davina French, NDNG	2011 – Present
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APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

### **ARTICLE VIII - STATE COORDINATION**

1. Each member state, through the creation of a state council or use of an existing entity, shall provide for the coordination among its state agencies, school districts, and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own state council, its membership must include at least the superintendent of public instruction, a gubernatorial appointee who is the superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, a representative from a military installation, one member of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management, a gubernatorial appointee who represents the executive branch of government, and any other individuals or group representatives that the state council determines appropriate. A member state that does not have a school district determined to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent school districts on the state council.

2. 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 Page No. 4 implementation of this compact; provided, however, in North Dakota, the appointment shall be made by the adjutant general of the national guard.

3. 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. 4. The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison are ex officio members

**15.1-04.1-02. Compact on educational opportunity for military children - State council - Appointment.** The state council on educational opportunity for military children consists of: 1. The following voting members: a. The superintendent of public instruction, who shall serve as the chairman; b. The superintendent of a school district that includes a high concentration of military children, appointed by the governor; c. A representative of a military installation, appointed by the governor; d. One legislator, appointed by the chairman of the legislative management; e. One representative of the executive branch of government, appointed by the governor; and f. Any other individuals recommended by the members of the state council listed in subdivisions a



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through e; and 2. The following nonvoting members: a. The compact commissioner appointed under section 15.1-04.1-03; and b. The military family education liaison, appointed under section

**15.1-04.1-04. 15.1-04.1-03. Compact commissioner - Appointment - Duties.** The governor shall appoint a compact commissioner who shall be responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact on educational opportunity for military children

### **STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

North Dakota's State Council meets annually.