



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 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

North Dakota adopted the Compact in May 2011. 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

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

Reauthorization: 2013

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	LTC Davina French, NDNG	2011 – Present
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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 branches 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.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

North Dakota initially had a State Council, but due to turnover and a lack of Department of Defense Representative appointments, the Council functions in a non-regulator manner.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner French has served as the PR and Training Committee Chair since 2014.
- Commissioner French has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2014.
- Commissioner French is a member of the Training Team



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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

North Dakota has attended every meeting since 2011.