



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE PENNSYLVANIA



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

Pennsylvania adopted the Compact in February 2012. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Robert Robbins

Location in Statute or Code: Pennsylvania Statutes, Chapter 24, § 5401-5403

COMMISSIONER	Robert F. Staver	2016 – Present
	MG(R) Dan O’Neill, USA	2012 – 2014

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

The State Council is comprised exactly as stated in the model language:

- Compact Commissioner: Robert F. Staver
- Secretary of Education: Pedro Rivera (represented by Karl Streckewald, Pennsylvania Department of Education Liaison)
- Representative of the Executive Branch: TBD
- Superintendent of district with high numbers of military children: Bryan McGraw, Northern Pocono School
- Representative from a military installation in the state: BG Tim Hilty, Assistant Adjutant General, Fort Indiantown Gap
- Representative of the School Boards Association: Stuart Knade, Esq.
- Legislative Branch (Senate) representative: John Pippy

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually. However, their last formal meeting was held on May 7, 2014

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Pennsylvania has a few requests for assistance each year. Karl Streckewald from the Pennsylvania Department of Education assist with issues involving the Compact.
- Mr. Streckewald has had meetings with representatives of Fort Indiantown Gap, Carlisle Barracks, and the Northeast Liaison of the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Pennsylvania has attended every meeting since 2012 by the Commissioner or a Temporary Commissioner.