



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

RHODE ISLAND



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

Rhode Island adopted the Compact in June 2010. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Louis P. DiPalma

Location in Statute or Code: Rhode Island Statutes, Chapter 16-92

COMMISSIONER	Rosemarie Kraeger	2010 – 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 branch 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

The State Council was appointed in 2010. The State Council meets annually.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Kraeger was elected the Commission Chair at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.
- Commissioner Kraeger served as the Commission Vice Chair from 2014-2016
- Commissioner Kraeger has served as the PR and Training Committee Chair from 2011-2014.
- Commissioner Kraeger has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2011
- Rhode Island will host the 2017 Annual Business Meeting.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Rhode Island has attended every meeting since 2010.