



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE TEXAS



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

Texas adopted the Compact in May 2009. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The Legislature altered the State Coordination section with a separate section. The dues are paid by the Texas Education Agency

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Leticia Van de Putte and Representative Susan Lewis King

Location in Statute or Code: Texas Statutes, Education Code, Chapter 4, 162.001 – 162.005

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	Michael Morath	2016 – Present
	Michael Williams	2012 – 2016
	Robert Scott	2010 – 2012
<u>DESIGNEE/ALTERNATE</u>	Shelly Ramos	2016 – Present

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

Sec. 162.005. STATE COORDINATION.

(a) *The Texas Education Agency shall provide for coordination among state agencies, school districts, and military installations concerning this state's participation in and compliance with the compact and compact activities, as required by Article VIII of the compact.*

(b) *To the extent that the compact requires or authorizes a State Council created in accordance with Article VIII of the compact to perform a duty or function, the Texas Education Agency or the commissioner of education, as appropriate, shall perform that duty or function.*

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

State Council is in place with names only. The State Council has never met.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Texas hosted the 2010 Annual Business Meeting.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Texas attended the meeting in 2010, 2014 and 2015 by a Temporary Commissioner. They attended in 2016 with a Commissioner Designee.