



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

UTAH



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

Utah adopted the Compact in May 2009. The model language was adopted with modifications for the Utah Code. The dues are paid by the Utah Office of Education

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Margaret Dayton and Representative Gregory Hughes

Governor Signed: May 7, 2009, 17th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Utah Code, Title 53A, Chapter 1, Part 10

COMMISSIONER	Ben Rasmussen	2016 – Present
	Brad C. Smith	2014 – 2016
	Martell Menlove	2013 – 2014
	Larry Shumway	2011 – 2013

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor with confirmation by the Utah State Senate

STATE COUNCIL

53A-1-1008. Article VIII -- State Coordination -- Membership of state council.

(1) Each member state shall, through the creation of a State Council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and Interstate Commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own State Council, its membership shall include at least:

- (a) the state superintendent of education;*
- (b) a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children;*
- (c) a representative from a military installation;*
- (d) one representative each from the legislative and executive branches of government;*
- (e) other offices and stakeholder groups the State Council considers appropriate.*

(2) A member state that does not have a school district that contains a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the State Council.

(3) The State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family 279 education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of - 9 - 2017FL-0308/003 07-19-16 DRAFT this compact.

(4) The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.

(5) The compact commissioner and the designated military family education liaison shall be ex-officio members of the State Council, unless either is already a full voting member of the State Council.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.