



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

## IOWA



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

Iowa adopted the Compact in March 2009. The model language was adopted with modifications for the Iowa Code. The dues are paid by the Iowa Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Ray Zirkelbach

**Location in Statute or Code:** Iowa Code, Chapter 256H

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Tom Beasley	2009 – Present
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APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

### STATE COUNCIL

The State Council is comprised 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 department 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 meets annually.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Iowa Council served as one of the leads on the Lt. Governor's Public Engagement Event to understand and address the issues related to Iowa's military children and military-connected children. The accomplishments of the Public Engagement Event produced a training curriculum for Iowa K-12 schools, administrators, teachers and parents that eventually is to be embedded into Iowa's Home Base (all things military related) program.
- The Iowa Council has partnered with Iowa's Military Education Child Coalition and supports the coalition in supporting family events and programs geared towards Iowa's military children.
- The Iowa Council served on Iowa's Project Aware (childhood trauma) program and has volunteered to serve as a train the trainer for trauma training geared to recognize and better address trauma in children. The goal is for the Compact to reach out to Veteran Service Organizations across the state to conduct training sessions to build greater capacity within the state.



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- The Iowa Council has partnered with Army One Source, Military One Source, the Military Child Education Coalition, the American Legion, and other Veterans Service Organizations to highlight concerns children may be experiencing trauma living with a veteran suffering from a trauma injury.

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Iowa attended the Meeting from 2009-2014. The Commissioner did not attend in 2015 and 2016 due to scheduling conflicts.