



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE KENTUCKY



## 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

Kentucky was one of the first 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact, placing it in statute on April 2008. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format and minor changes to the Article VIII – State Coordination. The dues are paid by the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Robert Damron and Senator Tom Buford

**Location in Statute or Code:** Kentucky Revised Statutes 156.730; 156.735

<b><u>COMMISSIONER</u></b>	COL(R) Blaine Hedges, USA	2016 – Present
	David Thompson	2013 – 2015
	Marlene Youngblood	2012 – 2013
	Mark Needham	2008 – 2012

**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:*

1. *The state superintendent of education;*
2. *A superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children;*
3. *A representative from a military installation;*
4. *One legislative member each from the General Assembly's Senate and House of Representatives, to be chosen respectively by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The respective leaders will then forward the names of their chosen members to the Governor. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the President and Speaker;*
5. *One representative from the executive branch of government; and*
6. *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 did meet twice a year. The Council is currently not meeting due to vacancies.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commissioner Needham was the second Commission Chair from 2010-2012.
- Commissioner Needham was the first Commission Vice Chair from 2008-2010.
- Commissioner Needham was a member of the Executive Committee from 2008-2012.



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- Kentucky hosted the Annual Business Meeting in 2011.
- Kentucky is the home of the MIC3 National Office

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

Kentucky has attended every meeting through 2014. They did not attend in 2015 due to a change in governor. They sent a representative, COL(R) Blaine Hedges, in 2016. COL(R) Hedges officially became the Commissioner in December 2016.