

OVERVIEW AND HISTORY OF THE COMMISSION

HISTORY

The adoption of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children by all 50 states and the District of Columbia is no small feat. Only four interstate compacts have been adopted by all 50 states in the last 50 years.

This Interstate Compact—which was developed jointly by The Council of State Government's National Center for Interstate Compacts and the Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, and stakeholders from 18 different organizations and national associations, including representatives of parents, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials—eases education transition issues faced by the children of active duty service members transferring between school districts and states. Most military children will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children when dealing with issues of enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation when transferring schools.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting of the Compact began early in 2007. The Compact was first available for legislative consideration in 2008. This means that the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just six legislative sessions.

Today, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) would like to extend our appreciation to all the people and organizations who made the Compact a reality. We have tried to capture as many of those individuals and organizations as we could on the list that follows; any omissions are inadvertent.

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT

- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Association of State Boards of Education
- The Council for Exceptional Children
- American Association of School Administrators
- Council of Chief State School Officers
- The Council of Great City Schools
- Learning First Alliance
- American Federation of Teachers

Once the Interstate Compact was drafted, the next challenge was to present it to the states and get them to adopt it into law. The Department of Defense and The Council of State Governments (CSG) were charged with this task. We would like to thank some of the players instrumental in that task.

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Of course, the Commission would not be where we are today had it not been for the first 11 states that passed legislation to adopt the Interstate Compact. The Compact was set up so that it went into effect when adopted by 10 states, which happened on June 23, 2008, when the governor of Florida signed that state's compact law. By the time of the first Commission meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, in November of 2008, there were 11 state compact members represented by their respective state commissioners.

ARIZONA (Joey Strickland)
MISSOURI (Bert Schulte)
KANSAS (Brad Neuenswander)
CONNECTICUT (Laura Anastasio)
OKLAHOMA (Lindy White)
MICHIGAN (Thomas Bell)

FLORIDA (Spessard Boatright)
COLORADO (Cheryl Serrano)
NORTH CAROLINA (David Phillips)
KENTUCKY (Mark Needham)
DELAWARE (Susan Haberstroh)

The Commission continued to grow over the next two years. By 2009, the Interstate Compact had been adopted by 26 states and covered better than 5 % of the children of active duty personnel. By 2010, the Interstate Compact had been adopted by 31 states, and coverage surpassed 75% of the children of active duty personnel.

In April 2010, the Commission took its first step toward autonomy by hiring their first executive director, BG(R) Norman Arflack. The National Office was established for the Commission at the CSG offices in Lexington, Kentucky. Then, staff was hired in August 2010, John Matthews and Richard Pryor.

Over the next three years, the Commission established a website and produced pamphlets and publications. The staff, with input from various committees, produced a newsletter, one-pager information sheets, and the leadership and orientation manual as well as established new commissioner training and compiled a commissioner toolkit. At the same time, the Interstate Compact was adopted by 16 additional states and the District of Columbia.

Numerous other individuals from various organizations were extremely supportive and helpful in getting the Interstate Compact adopted, including the following.

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Dr. Scott Porter and Morgan Brown

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Wounded Warrior Project

Rolling Thunder

In September 2013, the Commission welcomed a new executive director, BG(R) Stephen Hogan. MIC3 became a leader among the CSG affiliates: Kathleen Berg, who became MIC3 acting chair in June 2012 became the representative to the CSG Leadership Council for the Affiliate Principals Group. The Compact, the Commission, and the National Office were coming of age, and mid-year in 2014 we all reached the milestone of 50 member states.

Since its establishment in 2008, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission has had three Chairs: Cheryl Serrano (CO) 2008–2010, Mark Needham (KY) 2010–2012, and Kathleen Berg (HI) 2012–2014.

As the Commission comes together for our 7th annual meeting here in November of 2014, we celebrate all 50 states and the District of Columbia adopting the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

And we give a hearty welcome and thank you to the three charter member commissioners still serving:

Past Chair of MIC3 Cheryl Serrano (CO) and Commissioners Laura Anastasio (CT) and Susan Haberstroh (DE), both former committee chairs and members of the Executive Committee of MIC3.



State Status (as of 8/18/2014)

<u>State</u>	<u>Bill / Statute Number</u>	<u>Primary Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>
Alabama	HB 343	Rep. Craig Ford	Signed by the Governor 5/18/09
Alaska	HB 137	Rep. Coghill Sen. Therriault	Signed by the Governor 5/15/09
Arizona	HB 2720 SB 1334	Rep. Lynne Pancrazi Sen. Timothy S. Bee	Signed by the Governor 4/28/08
Arkansas	SB 15		Signed by the Governor 2/26/2013
California	AB 1809	Saldana, Lieu	Signed by the Governor 10/12/09
Colorado	HB 1317	Rep. Marsha Looper	Signed by the Governor 6/05/08
Connecticut	HB 5545	Rep Ted Graziani	Signed by the Governor 5/12/08
Delaware	HB 297	Rep. Nancy H. Wagner	Signed by the Governor 6/11/08
Florida	HB 1203 SB 2546	Rep. William Proctor Sen. Ronda Storms	Signed by the Governor 6/23/08
Georgia	SB 227	Sen. Ed Harbison Rep. John Yates	Signed by the Governor 4/25/12
Hawaii	HB 3124 HB 3026 SB 2877 SB 3046	Rep. Calvin K.Y. Say Rep. K. Mark Takai Sen. Norman Sakamoto Sen. Colleen Hanabusa	Signed by Governor 6/25/09
Idaho	HB 324	Rep. Wills Sen. Brackett	Signed by the Governor 4/9/2013
Illinois	HB 4674	Rep. Holbrook	Signed by the Governor 6/28/10
Indiana	HB1107 SB510	Rep. Tinchler Sen. Wyss	Signed by the Governor 4/20/09
Iowa	HB 214	Rep. Zirkelbach (no longer in Legislature)	Signed by the Governor 3/26/09
Kansas	HB 2714	Rep. Sydney Carlin	Signed by the Governor 4/9/08
Kentucky	HB 244 SB 68	Rep. Robert Damron Sen. Tom Buford	Signed by the Governor 4/10/08
Louisiana	HB 590	Rep. Regina Barrow	Signed by the Governor 7/1/09
Maine	HP 928	Rep. Jarrett S. Crockett	Signed by the Governor 6/16/09
Maryland	HB 784 SB 457	Delegate Ann Kaiser Sen. John C. Astle	Signed by the Governor 5/19/09
Massachusetts	SB 2254		Signed by the Governor 5/31/12
Michigan	HB 5960	Rep. Gino Polidori	Signed by the Governor 6/11/08



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Minnesota	HF2569 SF2118	Rep. Sawatzky Sen. Dahle	Signed by the Governor 5/16/14
Mississippi	SB 2704	Sen. Videt Carmichael	Signed by the Governor 3/18/09
Missouri	HB 1678	Rep. David Day	Signed by the Governor 6/11/08
Montana	SB 203	Rep. Davis Niss	Signed by the Governor 4/29/2013
Nebraska	LB 575/575A	Sen. Scott Price	Signed by the Governor 5/17/2011
Nevada	BDR 34-186	Sen. Dennis Nolan	Signed by the Governor 6/04/09
New Hampshire	HB1488	Rep. Robert Theberge	Signed by the Governor 8/1/14
New Jersey	A2640	Assemblymen L. Harvey Smith	Signed by the Governor 1/17/10
New Mexico	HB 311	Rep. Cote	Signed by the Governor 2/19/10
New York	AB 9216 SB 6887	Rep. Michael Benedetto Sen. Michael Ranzenhofer	Signed by the Governor 8/18/14
North Carolina	SB 1541	Rep. Grier Martin	Signed by the Governor 8/07/08
North Dakota	HB 1248	Rep. Kim Koppelman	Signed by the Governor 5/17/2011
Ohio	SB 351	Sen. Robert Spada	Signed by the Governor 7/15/09
Oklahoma	HB 2507	Rep. Ann Coody	Signed by the Governor 6/06/08
Oregon	SB1506	Senator Arnie Roblin	Signed by the Governor 4/1/14
Pennsylvania	SB 159	Sen. Robert Robbins	Signed by the Governor 2/2/12
Rhode Island	SB 2738	Sen. DiPalma	Signed by the Governor 6/22/10
South Carolina	HB 3411 / SB 319	Rep. Smith /Sen. Leventis	Signed by the Governor 6/11/10
South Dakota	SB 125	Sen. Ed Olson	Signed by the Governor 3/24/10
Tennessee	HB1911 / SB1997	Rep. Johnson Sen. Norris	Signed by the Governor 6/23/10
Texas	HB174 /SB90	Rep. King Sen. Van de Putte	Signed by the Governor 5/05/09
Utah	HB 2918 SB 6426	Rep. Gregory Hughes Sen. Margaret Dayton	Signed by the Governor 5/07/09
Vermont	HB38	Rep. Maxine Jo Grad	Signed by the Governor 5/24/2011
Virginia	HB 395	Delegate Mark Cole	Signed by the Governor 3/27/09
Washington	HB 2918 SB 6426	Rep. Deb Wallace Sen. Steve Hobbs	Signed by the Governor 5/07/09



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West Virginia	HB 2550	Rep. Richard Inquinta	Signed by the Governor 3/23/2011
Wisconsin	SB 681	Sen. John Lehman	Signed by the Governor 5/13/10
Wyoming	SB 78	Rep. Pete Illoway Sen. Hastert	Signed by the Governor 3/9/12
District of Columbia	Act 19-0671		Signed by the Mayor 2/11/2013 Published in DC Register 3/8/2013
American Samoa			
Guam			
N. Mariana Islands			
Puerto Rico			
US Virgin Islands			