



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE

NORTH CAROLINA



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

North Carolina was one of the first 11 states to adopt the Interstate Compact, placing it into statute in August 2008. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Grier Martin

Governor Signed: August 7, 2008, 11th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: North Carolina Statutes, Article 29B § 115C-407.5

COMMISSIONER	Nick Sojka, Jr	2020-Present
	E. Alex Erwin III	2017-2019
	Michael Boose	2013-2017
	David Phillips	2008-2013

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

§ 115C-407.6. Creation of a State Council. *The State Board of Education shall establish a State Council, as required by Article VIII of the compact. The membership of the State Council shall include, at a minimum, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a superintendent of a local school administrative unit with a high concentration of military children, a representative from a military installation, a representative of the executive branch of government, a representative of the North Carolina School Boards Association, a representative of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators, a member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and a member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. (2008- 185, s. 1.)*

§ 115C-407.7. Appointment of compact commissioner. *As required by Article VIII of the compact, the Governor shall appoint as compact commissioner a licensed North Carolina attorney who represents at least one local board of education, with preference given to an attorney representing a local board of education with a high concentration of military children or an attorney familiar with military issues. The compact commissioner shall be responsible for the administration and management of the State's participation in the compact. (2008-185, s. 1.)*

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets twice each year (with 2 calls a month ahead of the meetings). Details available at:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/students-families/student-support/nc-supports-military-children>