



Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission PENNSYLVANIA



OVERVIEW

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children 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. The Interstate Compact 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. 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.

HISTORY

Pennsylvania adopted the Interstate Compact, placing it in statute in February 2012. The language of the Interstate Compact adopted was almost verbatim. The dues are paid by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Robert Robbins

Location in Statute or Code: Pennsylvania Statutes, Chapter 24, § 5401-540

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

COMMISSIONER	Barbara Clemmer	2020-present
	Vacant	2019-2020
	Dr. Kraig R. Kiehl	2018-2019
	Robert F. Staver	2016 -2018
	Vacant	2014-2016
	Major General (R) Dan O’Neill	2012-2014

STATE COUNCIL

- State Compact Commissioner, Barbara Clemmer
- Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid N. Mumin
- Governor’s Executive Branch Appointee, Vacant
- Appointee by the Speaker of House, Legislative Representative, Vacant
- Appointee of the Minority Leader of the House, Representative Joe Webster
- Appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator Tracy Pennycuick
- Appointee of the Minority Leader of the Senate, Vacant
- Appointee from a Military Impacted School District, Vacant
- Ex-Officio Members: Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison; Joseph Gordon, School Liaison



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STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- November 16, 2021, Inaugural Meeting
- March 3, 2022
- July 18, 2023, With extension approval

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purple Star Schools, Act 69 of 2022, was passed in Pennsylvania in July of 2022.
- Release of updated website and Purple Star Schools toolkit in June 2023, [Supports for Military Connected Students and Families \(pa.gov\)](#).
- HB 1094, Advance Enrollment, passed the House.
- SB 209, National Guard or Reserve (NGR), in process.
- SB 263, Educational Opportunity Accounts for Military Families, in process.
- New email Resource Account for military families – RA-EDMilitaryFamK12@pa.gov.
- In process with the Governor's Office work to restore full complement to State Council.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

- Pennsylvania released a statewide Penn*Link to inform schools and provide resources.

MIC3 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

- Pennsylvania attended the 2022 ABM in Baton Rouge, LA.

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