



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE PENNSYLVANIA



## 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

Pennsylvania adopted the Compact in February 2012. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. The dues are paid by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Senator Robert Robbins (SB159)

**Governor Signed:** February 2, 2012, 40<sup>th</sup> State to join the Compact

**Location in Statute or Code:** Pennsylvania Statutes, Unconsolidated, P.L. 42, No. 6 Cl. 24

<b><u>COMMISSIONER</u></b>	Barbara Clemmer	2020
	Kraig Kiehl	2018 – 2019
	Robert F. Staver	2016 – 2018
	MG(R) Dan O'Neill, USA	2012 – 2014

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

### **§ 7306. State Council on Interstate Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

(a) *Establishment.* --Consistent with Article VIII of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, [FN1] there is established the State Council on Interstate Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The council shall conduct all business pursuant to 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating to open meetings) and the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L. 6, No. 3), [FN2] known as the Right-to-Know Law. The council shall consist of the Secretary of Education; four members appointed by the Governor, one a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, one a representative of a military installation, one a representative of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and one a representative of the executive branch; and one member each appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

(b) *Terms.* --The term of a member of the council hereafter appointed, except to fill a vacancy, shall be four years and until a successor has been appointed, but in no event more than 90 days beyond the expiration of the appointed term. The term of a member of the council who is appointed by virtue of serving as a member of the General Assembly shall continue only as long as the individual remains in that office.

(c) *Vacancy.* --A vacancy occurring in an office of a member of the council for any reason shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the term.

### **§ 7307. Appointment of compact commissioner**

The compact commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor. The compact commissioner must have experience in school district administration, school district operations, student attendance, enrollment, transfers or education law. The compact commissioner shall serve as a member of the State Council on Interstate Educational Opportunity for Military Children and as a member of the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children established pursuant to Article IX of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.



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## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.