



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

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

STATE COUNCIL

- Compact Commissioner: Barbara Clemmer
- Acting Secretary of Education: Eric Hagarty represented by Dr. Carrie Rowe
- Representative of the Executive Branch: Brigadier General Edwards Little, Jr.
- Superintendent of a School District with high numbers of military children: *recently vacant*
- Representative from a Military Installation in the state: Mr. Drew Turinski, Deputy Garrison Commander, Carlisle Barracks
- Representative of the School Boards Association: Mr. Stuart Knade, Esq.
- Legislative Branch Representative: Mr. Joe Webster
- Legislative Branch Representative: Ms. Tracy Pennycuick, 147th District
- Ex-Officio Members: Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison; Joseph Gordon, School Liaison; Representative Karen Boback – 117th District



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STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- November 16, 2021, Inaugural Meeting
- March 3, 2022

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Presentation to the PA House Committee on Veteran's Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
- State Council approved language to include NGR.
- House Bill 1813 to permit advance enrollment of military students presented by Representative Milou Mackenzie, 131st District
- Attended the *Excellence in Education* celebration at Carlisle Barracks honoring local schools that serve military students

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 2021 ABM virtually.

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