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SOUTH 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

The model language was adopted with modifications for the South Carolina Code. The dues are paid by the South Carolina Department of Education

Bill sponsor(s): Senator Phil P. Leventis and Representative Garry Smith

Governor Signed: June 11, 2010, 32nd State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: South Carolina Code, Title 59, Chapter 46, Section 59-46-50

COMMISSIONER	Molly Spearman	2015 – Present
	Dr. Mick Zais	2011 – 2015
	Jim Rex	2010 – 2011
DESIGNEE	Dr. Tremekia Priester	2021 – Present
	Yolande Anderson	2016 – 2021
	Dino Teppara	2013 – 2016
	Scott English	2011 – 2013
	Mark Bounds	2010 – 2011

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

SECTION 59-46-30. Compact Commissioner to be State Superintendent of Education.

The State Superintendent of Education shall serve as the Compact Commissioner of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children on behalf of this State.

HISTORY: 2010 Act No. 246, Section 1, eff July 1, 2010.

Editor's Note

2010 Act 246, Section 5, provides as follows:

"This act takes effect July 1, 2010, contingent upon available funding and agreement by the Interstate Commission to SECTION 3 of this act."

SECTION 59-46-40. South Carolina Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; creation; membership; terms; expense reimbursement; submission of executive summary to Governor and General Assembly.

In accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, there is created the South Carolina Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, referred to in this section as "council".

(A) The council consists of the following eleven members:

- (1) the Governor or his designee;*
- (2) one member appointed by the Governor to represent military installations in the State;*
- (3) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;*
- (4) two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;*
- (5) two members appointed by the State Superintendent of Education, to include a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military families and a member of a military family with experience in the educational challenges that military children face;*

(6) the State Board of Education chair and chair-elect; and

(7) the State Superintendent of Education or his designee, who shall serve as chair.

(B) Appointments must be made no later than September 1, 2010, at which time the chair shall call the first meeting. Elected members serve terms coterminous with their terms of office. Citizen members serve at the pleasure of the individual making the appointment. All

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members may be reappointed. Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, must be made for the unexpired terms. Vacancies must be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

(C) The council shall meet on the call of the chairman and, at a minimum, shall meet annually. A majority of members constitutes a quorum. The council may consider any matters related to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children or the general activities and business of the organization and has the authority to represent the State in all actions of the compact.

(D) The State Superintendent of Education, in coordination with the council, shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison as provided by Article VIII of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

(E) The council members serve without compensation. All members must be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The costs of expenses of the legislative members incurred in the performance of their duties must be paid from appropriations to the representative body. The costs of expenses of nonlegislative citizen members incurred in the performance of their duties must be paid from funds as provided for this purpose in the annual appropriations act.

(F) The chairman of the council shall submit electronically to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary of the interim activity and work of the council no later than the first day of regular session of the General Assembly following the first full year of the council's creation. Thereafter an executive summary must be electronically submitted biennially to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Clerk of the Senate and must be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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