



MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE ARKANSAS



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

Arkansas adopted the Compact in February 2013. The model language was adopted with modifications for the Arkansas Code. Subchapters 6-4-303 through 307 addresses Article VIII of the Interstate Compact and the allocation of dues. The dues are paid by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Senators E. Williams, J. English and Representatives Perry, House, S. Malone

Governor Signed: February 26, 2013, 45th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: Arkansas Code, Title 6, Chapter 24, Subchapter 6-4-301 thru 6-4-307

COMMISSIONER	John "Don" Kaminar	2015 – Present
	Jeremy Lasiter	2013 – 2015

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Subchapter 6-4-303 states that the Commissioner for Arkansas under the Interstate Compact shall be the Commissioner of Education or a person of their choosing.

STATE COUNCIL

AR Code Subchapter 6-4-304

(a) There is created the State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to be composed of the following members:

(1) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, serving as Compact Commissioner for Arkansas as provided under § 6-4-303;

(2) The superintendent of the school district with the greatest number of military children from a military installation;

(3) One (1) member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Education Association;

(4) One (1) member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a list of three (3) nominees submitted by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;

(5)

(A) One (1) member selected from the state at large and appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation of the Senate.

(B) The Governor shall consult the Arkansas School Boards Association before making an appointment under subdivision (a)(5)(A) of this section;

(6) The charter school leader of the open-enrollment public charter school with the greatest number of military children from a military installation; and

(7) A representative from a military installation in Arkansas who will serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member.

Subchapter 6-4-306 requires that the State Council choose their Military Family Education Liaison (MFEL) within 30 days of being established.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets quarterly.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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- Commissioner Kaminar is currently serving as the Chair of the Commissioner. Chair Kaminar was elected at the Annual Business Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio in 2018 and then re-elected in 2019 for a second term.