



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE MASSACHUSETTS



## 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

Massachusetts adopted the Compact in May 2012. The model language was adopted with modifications for the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The dues are paid by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** This was a committee bill that included multiple topics. No specific legislators were listed as the sponsor of the bill.

**Governor Signed:** May 31, 2012, 43<sup>rd</sup> State to join the Compact

**Location in Statute or Code:** The General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Part I, Title II, Chapter 15E, Sections 1-19

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	RADM J. Clarke Orzalli, USN (Ret)	2015 – Present
	BG(R) Paul Greg Smith, MAARNG	2013 – 2014

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

### **Section 7: State coordination**

*Section 7. (a) Each member state shall, through the creation of a state council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies and military installations concerning the state's participation in and compliance with this compact and interstate commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own state council, the membership shall include at least: (i) the state secretary of education; (ii) a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children; (iii) a representative from a military installation; (iv) 1 representative from the legislature; (v) 1 representative from the executive branch; and (vi) other offices and stakeholder groups that the state council deems appropriate. A member state that does not have a school district deemed to contain a high concentration of military children may appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent local education agencies on the state council.*

*(b) The state council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.*

*(c) The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.*

*(d) The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison designated under this compact shall be ex-officio members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council.*

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council meets annually.