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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 statutory format. The dues are paid by the New Mexico Public Education Department

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Nathan P. Cote

Governor Signed: February 19, 2010, 29th State to join the Compact

Location in Statute or Code: New Mexico Statutes – Chapter 11, Section 8B

COMMISSIONER	Teresa Ferenczhalmy	2019 – Present
	Adrienne Salas	2018
	Dr. Paul J. Aguilar	2011 – 2017

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

STATE COUNCIL

ARTICLE 8

STATE COORDINATION

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 the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and interstate commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own state council, its membership must include: the secretary of public education, the superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, one representative from a military installation, one representative from the executive branch of government and other offices and stakeholder groups 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 the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

C. The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children 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 in this article shall be ex-officio nonvoting members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council.

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The State Council has been appointed and will hold its inaugural meeting in 2020.