

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Bullard (KY), Chair

Responsible for monitoring the compliance by member states with the terms of the compact and the Commission's rules, and for developing appropriate enforcement procedures for the Commission's consideration.

In fiscal year (FY) 2025, the Compliance Committee advanced its mission of supporting member states' implementation of the Compact by clarifying compliance requirements, streamlining reporting processes, and ensuring accountability—while keeping the focus on successful educational transitions for uniform-connected children.

Committee members worked diligently this year to clarify and revise compliance documents, infographics, and resources while maintaining timely reminders to the full Commission. These efforts were to support member states and help Commissioners achieve their objectives effectively.

The Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the Commission's governing documents, Compact statute, Rules, and by-laws to outline annual reporting expectations clearly. In alignment with these efforts, the Committee updated the End-of-Year (EOY) Report form to improve data collection beginning in FY2025 and briefed the revisions at the 2024 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

To strengthen Commissioner engagement, the Committee updated and distributed its annual *Expectations for Commissioner Participation and Engagement at the ABM and Standing Committee Meetings* memorandum. Newly appointed Commissioners found the resource particularly valuable in preparing for the ABM. In January and May 2025, the Committee also released the *Memorandum Regarding Annual Reporting Deadlines* to remind states of reporting deadlines.

The Committee refined the *State Compliance and Coordination* infographic and reviewed the *Good, Better, Best Practices* document to ensure neutral and objective language.

Additionally, in partnership with General Counsel, the Committee approved amendments to the *Code of Conduct* (CoC) and *Conflict of Interest* (Col) policies to eliminate subjective language and provide clearer standards of conduct. It amended the reporting deadline for CoC and Col submissions, aligning them with other EOY requirements beginning in FY2026.

A key priority under the 2023–2025 Strategic Plan for the Compliance Committee was addressing chronic noncompliance. In collaboration with the Finance and Executive Committees, the Compliance Committee developed a compliance fee policy modeled after the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision compliance policy. The Committee advocated for a flat-fee structure to ensure fairness across states, noting that percentage-based fee structures placed a greater burden on the higher-impacted states. The proposed *1-2025 Compliance Fee Assessment* policy was referred to the Finance and Executive Committee for consideration.

Finally, the Committee approved the *Race to the Finish* infographic, a new tool designed to promote accountability and foster friendly competition among Tier Groups while tracking overall reporting compliance.

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The Compliance Committee remains committed to supporting member states by refining processes, aligning requirements, and enhancing resources so Commissioners can focus their efforts on the Compact's core mission: easing the educational transitions of uniform-connected children across state lines.