

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Gable (MD), Chair

Responsible for administering the commission's rulemaking procedures, and for developing proposed rules for the commission's consideration as appropriate.

This year, the Rules Committee continued its legacy of hard work, thoughtful deliberation, and unwavering commitment to ensuring the Compact Rules effectively address the needs of local education agencies and uniform-connected families.

In December 2024 and February 2025, the Committee issued the *Rules Submission Deadline Memorandum* to all member states. This communication served as a timely reminder of the Rules Promulgation Process and submission deadline, ensuring states had adequate opportunity to prepare proposals for consideration ahead of the February 28 deadline.

During every Committee meeting, the Members review the *Case and Inquiry Report*. During the review, the Committee evaluates whether existing Rules require strengthening through amendment or whether a new Rule should be developed to address persistent challenges within the states. This year, the Committee reviewed one Rule amendment that was tabled from fiscal year (FY) 2024 and an amendment submitted by the Finance Committee.

Proposed Rule Amendments

- **SEC. 5.104 Placement Flexibility**

In FY2024, the State of Nevada submitted a proposed amendment to address misalignment between secondary school semesters, which had resulted in lost (Carnegie unit) seat time and the potential loss of course credit for an entire semester.

The Committee solicited feedback on the proposed amendment from the Tier Groups, General Counsel, and the full Commission. Based on the feedback received, the Committee requested General Counsel to prepare Legal Advisory 1-2024 *Scope of SEC. 5.104 Placement Flexibility* to determine whether formal legal guidance could address the issue without amending the Rule. After thorough review and deliberation, the Committee voted to table the proposed amendment for a second straight year, setting it aside.

- **SEC. 2.103 Dues Formula**

The Committee also considered an amendment to *SEC. 2.103 Dues Formula* reflecting the Finance Committee's recommendation for a dues increase. The proposal would increase the current dues formula from \$1.15 per military dependent to \$1.78 beginning in FY2027, with a 4% annual increase thereafter.

On July 21, 2025, the Committee voted to pass the amendment out of Committee for review by the Executive Committee and consideration by the full Commission at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

In fulfillment of its final responsibilities under the 2023–2025 Strategic Plan, the Committee conducted a comprehensive review of the *Cumulative Case and Inquiry Report (2020–2024)*. This five-year analysis provided valuable insights into the nature of Compact-related cases and the Rules most frequently applied in their resolution. Tier Groups also reviewed the report and submitted feedback to the Committee, highlighting potential trends or patterns that could

warrant future amendments or the development of new Rules. The Committee's robust review determined that no immediate changes are necessary; however, it will continue to periodically examine long-term data to proactively address emerging issues and support the needs of member states.

The Rules Committee remains committed to a process-driven, data-informed approach to its work. The Committee actively explores the use of Compact Rules, legal advisories, and guidance documents to promote understanding of the Compact statute and to ensure its consistent, effective implementation. The Committee looks forward to building upon this year's accomplishments and continuing its work in the year ahead.