

## RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Ben Rasmussen (UT), Rules Committee 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 began work on the Year 1 tasks assigned to the Rules Committee under the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan. This included developing metrics to assess the progress of items under the Committee's purview and identifying resources that support commissioners in their role.

In December 2025, the Committee issued the *Rules Submission Deadline Memorandum* to all member states. This memo reminded Commission members of the Rules Promulgation Process and the deadline to submit amendments, ensuring states had sufficient time to prepare and submit proposals for consideration by the February 28 deadline.

The Rules Committee reviewed the *Case and Inquiry Report* periodically to evaluate whether existing Rules require strengthening through amendments or if new Rules are needed to address persistent Compact-related education challenges across states. This year, the Committee reviewed two Rule amendments submitted by the state of Virginia.

### Proposed Rule Amendments

- **SEC. 1.101 Definitions**  
Proposed amendment to clarify the meaning of "Substantially Comparable Graduation Requirements" as it relates to a diploma, certificate of completion, or graduation credential.
- **SEC. 4.103 Transfers During Senior Year**  
An amendment to emphasize that receiving LEAs should make reasonable efforts to ensure that the type of diploma awarded to a transferring senior reflects the coursework completed in the sending LEA, without placing an unreasonable burden on the student. In cases where the receiving LEA is unable to waive additional courses for a specialized diploma, the receiving state should work with the sending LEA to facilitate the issuance of a reciprocal diploma.

The Committee solicited feedback on the proposed amendments, receiving comments from New York, West Virginia, and the Department of War. On July 21, 2026, the Committee voted to pass both amendments out of Committee for review by the Executive Committee and consideration by the full Commission at the 2026 Annual Business Meeting.

In fulfillment of its first-year responsibilities under the 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, the Committee proposed a modification to Policy 2-2022 *Open Records Request*, which was approved by the Executive Committee. The Rules Committee also approved End-of-Year Report questions related to Case and Inquiry reporting, as well as updates to the *Good, Better, Best: Highlighting State Best Practices on Program Implementation of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children* resource.

In the year ahead, the Rules Committee will continue to oversee the Commission's rulemaking processes while developing additional resources to better support commissioners in their duties. The Committee remains dedicated to upholding the integrity of the Compact through the

consistent application of the Compact Rules, legal advisories, and related guidance documents. It will also seek opportunities to improve clarity, accessibility, and efficiency in these materials to better serve the Commission's evolving needs.