**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 Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, and stakeholders from 18 different organizations and national associations, including representatives of parents, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Interstate Compact eases education transition issues faced by the children of active duty service members transferring between school districts and states. Most military children will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children when dealing with issues of enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation when transferring schools.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting of the Compact began early in 2007. The Compact was first available for legislative consideration in 2008. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

**HISTORY**

Alabama adopted the Interstate Compact into statute in May 2009, even though one of the members of the advisory team for the drafting of the Interstate Compact was Alabama State Senator Ted Little. The model language of the Interstate Compact was adopted with modifications to statutory format. The dues are paid by the Alabama Department of Education.

***Bill sponsor(s):*** Representative Craig Ford

***Location in Statute or Code:*** Section 16-44B-1

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| **Commissioner** | VACANT |  |
|  | Dr. E. Casey Wardynski | 2016 |
|  | Dr. Aaron Milner  | 2013 – 2015 |
|  | Dr. Michael Reed | 2009 – 2013 |

Appointing Authority: Governor

**STATE COUNCIL**

The State Council is comprised exactly as stated in the model language:

*While each member state may determine the membership of its own State Council, its membership must include at least:*

* + - * *The state superintendent of education*
* *Superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children*
* *Representative from a military installation,*
* *One representative each from the legislative branch of government*
* *One representative from the executive branches of government*
* *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.*

*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.*

**STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Alabama State Council has met annually.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**MIC3 ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Alabama has attended every MIC3 Annual Meeting from 2009 through 2015 either by the Commissioner or a Temporary Commissioner.