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
Minnesota adopted the Compact in May 2014. The model language was adopted with modifications for statutory format. However, the legislature clarified the State Council and the Commissioner in a separate statute. The dues are paid by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Bill sponsor(s): Representative Mary Sawatzky and Senator Kevin L. Dahle
Governor Signed: May 16, 2014, 49th State to join the Compact
Location in Statute or Code: Minnesota Statutes, 127A.85

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APPOINTING AUTHORITY: The Minnesota Department of Education Commissioner or their designee serves as the Commissioner under the Interstate Compact. (Minnesota Statute 127A.70)

STATE COUNCIL

127A.70 MINNESOTA P-20 EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.

State statute provides that the State P-20 partnership serves as that State Council for the Compact. The P-20 partnership is a joint endeavor between the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE), and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU). (Minnesota Statute 127A.70)

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS
The State Council meets quarterly. Each of these meetings will run from 8:00 AM-9:30 AM CT at the University of Minnesota.