



# MIC3 MEMBER PROFILE GEORGIA



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

Georgia adopted the Interstate Compact, placing it into statute in April 2012. The model language of the Interstate Compact was adopted with format modifications for Georgia Code. The dues are paid by the Georgia Department of Education. The Interstate Compact legislation was signed into law at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, just outside of Columbus, GA.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative John Yates and Senator Ed Harbison

**Governor Signed:** April 25, 2012, 42<sup>rd</sup> State to join the Compact

**Location in Statute or Code:** Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 and 2

<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	Dr. William C. Hardin	2019 - Present
	Dr. James Robin Hines	2016 – 2018
	MG(R) David Bockel, USA	2013 – 2016

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: Governor

## STATE COUNCIL

While the Georgia State Council is composed of the same member outlined below, the Council has chosen to expand their ranks to include installation school liaisons and two representatives from the Department of Defense, one from the Air Force and one from the Army.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **State Coordination**

*A. Each member state shall, through the creation of a state council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the state's participation in, and compliance with, this compact and Interstate Commission activities. While each member state may determine the membership of its own state council, its membership must include at least the state superintendent of education, a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, a representative from a military installation, one representative from the executive branch of government, and 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.*

*B. 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.*

*C. The compact commissioner responsible for the administration and management of the state's participation in the compact shall be appointed by the Governor or as otherwise determined by each member state.*

## STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Georgia State Council meets quarterly.