

# Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children



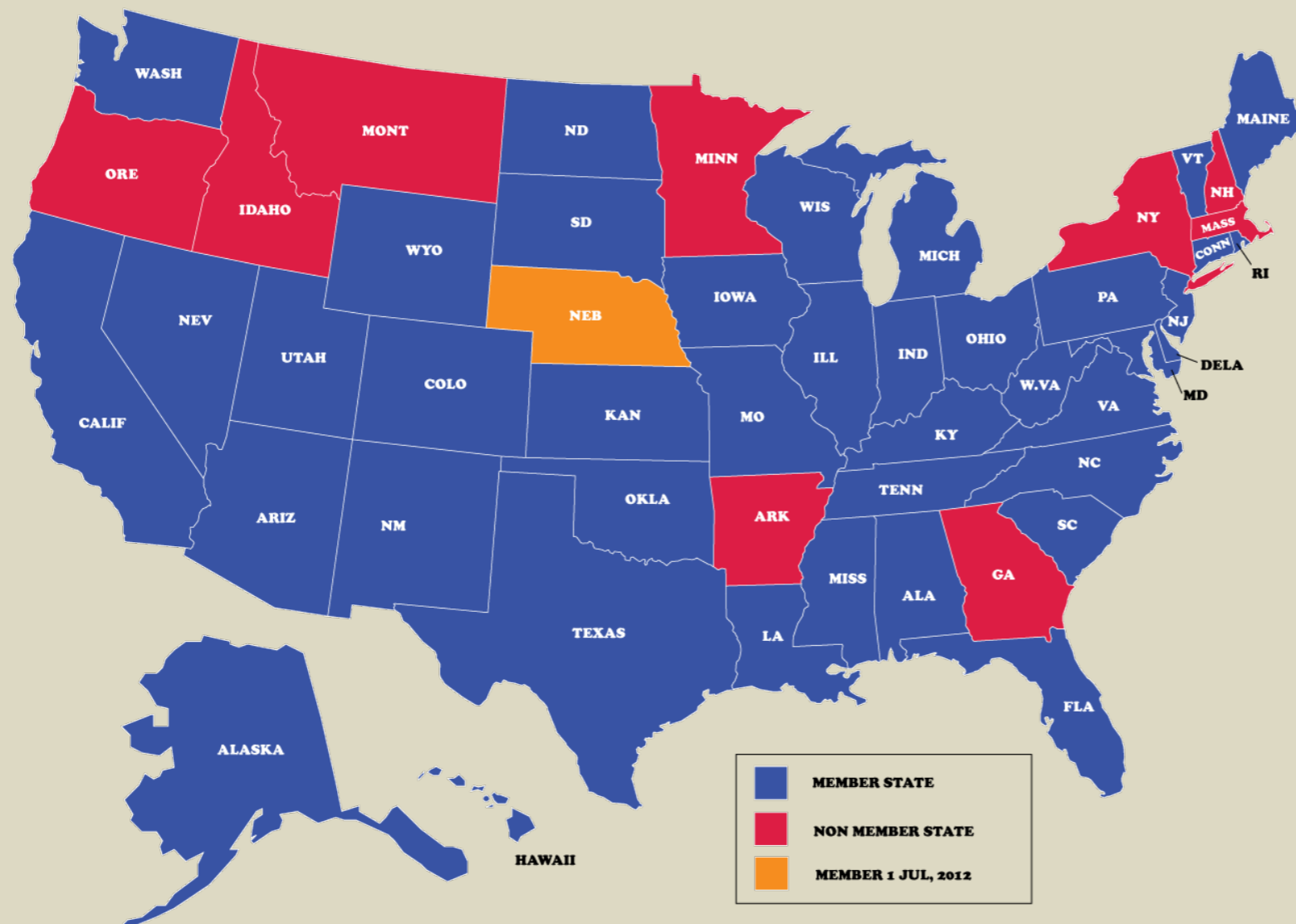
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# Major Points

- Compact designed to resolve recognized education transition issues
- Compact not intended to impact curriculum or local standards of education
  - Recognizes responsibility of states and local education agencies
  - Would have been a major obstacle in obtaining state buy-in
  - The Department of Education is leading a task force examining national standards
- Children of active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders, and Members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for (1) year are eligible for assistance under the compact

# Background and Status

- Developed by The Department of Defense, with the assistance of The Council of State Governments
- Input and assistance from national associations, federal and state officials and departments of education and superintendents
- Adopted by 41 states (approximately 90 percent of military school-age children in the US) as of March 2012



# Compact Content

- Article I – purpose
- Article II – definitions
- Article III – applicability
- **Article IV – enrollment**
- **Article V – placement and attendance**
- **Article VI – eligibility**
- **Article VII – graduation**
- Article VIII – state coordination
- Article IX – interstate commission

# Article IV - Enrollment

- Educational Records



- Immunizations



- Entrance Age



# Article V - Placement and Attendance:

- Course and Program Placement



- Special Education Services



- Placement Flexibility



- Absence Related to Deployment

\*Kentucky Statutes

# Article VI – Eligibility:

- Enrollment
- Extracurricular Participation



## Article VII – Graduation

- From Receiving State
- From Sending State
- Exit Exams





# Article VIII – State Coordination

- **State Council** – each state will be required to develop a State Council to 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. 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 the school district with a high concentration of military children, representative from a military installation, one representative from the legislative, and executive branches of government, and other offices and stakeholder groups the State Council deems appropriate.
- **Military Family Education Liaison** - 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.

# National Coordination

**Interstate Commission** – the governing body of the interstate compact

- Representatives from each member state
- Various ex-officio members representing impacted stakeholder groups

## **Mission-**

- General oversight of the agreement,
- Creates and enforces rules governing the compacts
- Operation and promotes training and compliance with the compacts requirements
- Members states have one vote on compact matters
- Commission will maintain a variety of policy and operations committees
- Provide a the venue for solving interstate issues and disputes
- In concert with member states, will draft and enforce rules for the operation of the compact

# Reference Resources

- Interstate Commission and State Council information

<http://www.mic3.net>

- FAQs

[http://www.mic3.net/pages/FAQ/faq\\_index.aspx](http://www.mic3.net/pages/FAQ/faq_index.aspx)

# The Compact provides a valuable tool to help our

# military families



# Questions????



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