

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****Title:** Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**Type of Executive Summary:**

Action       Action on First Reading       Discussion       Information

**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Statute #115C-407.5/407.6/407.7  
 SBE Policy # \_\_\_\_\_  
 SBE Policy Amendment  
 SBE Policy (New)  
 APA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 APA Amendment  
 APA (New)  
 Other Session Law2008-185

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Mr. Doug Taggart (Troops to Teachers, Coordinator, Office of Recruitment, Retention and Recognition)

**Description:**

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children item was brought before the TCS Committee at its September 2008 TCS Committee meeting as a New Business item. The purpose of Session Law 2008-185 and its requirements of the formation of a state council for this law is attached.

**Resources:**

N/A

**Input Process:**

Recommendations from the State Board regarding the formation of a State Council.

**Stakeholders:**

Public schools

**Timeline For Action:**

This item is being presented as a Discussion item at the January 2009 State Board of Education meeting and will be presented for Action at the February 2009 meeting.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education discuss and make recommendations for the creation of a State Council as it relates to Session Law 2008-185: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

A list summary of members for the compact state council that have been developed:

- Superintendent of Public Instruction – Dr. June Atkinson
- Superintendent of a local administrative unit with a high concentration of military children – Dr. Kathy Spencer (Onslow County Schools)
- Representative of at least one NC military installation – Mr. Robert Freeman (Seymour Johnson AFB, School Liaison Officer)
- Representative of the North Carolina School Boards Association – Mr. Stephen Halkiotis (Orange County Board of Education)
- Representative of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators – Mr. Kirk Denning (Johnston County Schools, Principal)
- Member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate - Senator Vernon Malone
- Member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives - Representative Rick Glazier
- Compact Commissioner – David Phillips (Cumberland County Schools, Board Attorney)

- Representative of the Executive Branch – will add a member based on Governor-elect Perdue’s input after January
- Appointed by the Council: Military family education liaison

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 Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

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 Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Postponed \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_

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**"§ 115C-407.5. Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.**

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all jurisdictions legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

- A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school district(s) or variations in entrance/age requirements.
- B. Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content or assessment.
- C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities.
- D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.
- E. Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of this compact.
- F. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools and military families under this compact.
- G. Promoting coordination between this compact and other compacts affecting military children.
- H. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student.

ARTICLE VIII – Requires formation of a state council

List summary of members for the compact state council:

- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Superintendent of a local administrative unit with a high concentration of military children  
Consider Active Duty Installation LEA's: Cumberland, Onslow, Wayne, Harnett, Craven  
Consider National Guard LEA's: Wake, Mecklenburg, Cumberland
- Representative of the executive branch of government
- Representative of the North Carolina School Boards Association
- Representative of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators
- Member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
- Member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Compact Commissioner – licensed NC attorney representing one local board of education, preference given to an attorney representing a local board of education with a high concentration of military children or an attorney familiar with military issues (appointed by governor preferred)
- Appointed by the Council: Military family education liaison

**"§ 115C-407.6. Creation of a State Council.**

The State Board of Education shall establish a State Council, as required by Article VIII of the compact. The membership of the State Council shall include, at a minimum, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, a superintendent of a local school administrative unit with a high concentration of military children, a representative from a military installation, a representative of the executive branch of government, a representative of the North Carolina School Boards Association, a representative of the North Carolina Association of School Administrators, a member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and a member appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**SECTION 3.** It is the goal of the General Assembly to ensure that low-wealth schools are enabled to administer and comply with the requirements of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. It is the intent of the General Assembly to appropriate funds in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) annually to the Department of Public Instruction to offset costs for low-wealth schools for administration of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year or the enactment of the compact, whichever occurs later.

**"§ 115C-407.7. Appointment of compact commissioner.**

As required by Article VIII of the compact, the Governor shall appoint as compact commissioner a licensed North Carolina attorney who represents at least one local board of education, with preference given to an attorney representing a local board of education with a high concentration of military children or an attorney familiar with military issues. The compact commissioner shall be responsible for the administration and management of the State's participation in the compact.