INTERSTATE COMPACT

The Council of State Governments (CSG), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Personnel and Readiness drafted a new interstate compact which addresses the educational transition issues of children of military families. Since July 2006, CSG has worked with a variety of federal, state, and local officials as well as national stakeholder organizations representing education groups and military families to create the new interstate agreement. While the compact is not exhaustive in its coverage, it does address the key issues encountered by military families:

- Eligibility
- Enrollment
- Grade placement
- Inclusion in extracurricular activities
- Graduation

In addition, the compact provides for a detailed governance structure at both the state and national levels with built-in enforcement and compliance mechanisms.

The Commonwealth of VA is an active member of the Military Interstate Compact. The <u>Virginia Council</u> on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was formed to assist in easing the transition of the children of military families into school as a result of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. Created by the 2009 General Assembly, Virginia joins other states participating in the compact.

More information and a current listing of states adopting the compact can be found at Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission

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