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To enact sections 3301.60, 3301.61, 3301.62, 3301.63, 1
and 3301.64 of the Revised Code to ratify the 2
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for 3
Military Children and to establish the State 4
Council on Educational Opportunity for Military 5
Children and other offices to implement the 6
state's participation in the compact. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3301.60, 3301.61, 3301.62, 3301.63, 8
and 3301.64 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

Sec. 3301.60. The interstate compact on educational 10
opportunity for military children is hereby ratified, enacted into 11
law, and entered into by this state as a party thereto with any 12
other state that heretofore has legally joined or hereafter 13
legally joins the compact, as follows: 14

Interstate Compact on Educational 15
Opportunity for Military Children 16

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE 17

It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to 18

educational success imposed on children of military families 19
because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by: 20

A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military 21
families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage 22
due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the 23
previous school district or variations in entrance or age 24
requirements. 25

B. Facilitating the student placement process through which 26
children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations 27
in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, 28
course content, or assessment. 29

C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for 30
enrollment, educational programs, and participation in 31
extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities. 32

D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of 33
military families. 34

E. Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of 35
administrative rules implementing the provisions of this compact. 36

F. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of 37
information between and among member states, schools, and military 38
families under this compact. 39

G. Promoting coordination between this compact and other 40
compacts affecting military children. 41

H. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the 42
educational system, parents, and the student in order to achieve 43
educational success for the student. 44

ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS 45

As used in this compact, unless the context clearly requires 46
a different construction: 47

A. "Active duty" means full-time duty status in the active 48

uniformed service of the United States, including members of the 49
national guard and reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 50
U.S.C. 1209 and 1211. 51

B. "Children of military families" means school-aged 52
children, enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, in the 53
household of an active duty member. 54

C. "Compact commissioner" means the voting representative of 55
each compacting state appointed pursuant to Article VIII of this 56
compact. 57

D. "Deployment" means the period one month prior to the 58
service members' departure from their home station on military 59
orders through six months after return to their home station. 60

E. "Educational records" or "education records" means those 61
official records, files, and data directly related to a student 62
and maintained by the school or local education agency, including, 63
but not limited to, records encompassing all the material kept in 64
the student's cumulative folder such as general identifying data, 65
records of attendance and of academic work completed, records of 66
achievement and results of evaluative tests, health data, 67
disciplinary status, test protocols, and individualized education 68
programs. 69

F. "Extracurricular activities" means a voluntary activity 70
sponsored by the school or local education agency or an 71
organization sanctioned by the local education agency. 72
Extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to, 73
preparation for and involvement in public performances, contests, 74
athletic competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club 75
activities. 76

G. "Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for 77
Military Children" means the commission that is created under 78
Article IX of this compact, which is generally referred to as 79

<u>Interstate Commission.</u>	80
<u>H. "Local education agency" means a public authority legally constituted by the state as an administrative agency to provide control of and direction for kindergarten through twelfth grade public educational institutions.</u>	81 82 83 84
<u>I. "Member state" means a state that has enacted this compact.</u>	85 86
<u>J. "Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within any of the several states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands, and any other United States territory. Such term does not include any facility used primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control projects.</u>	87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95
<u>K. "Nonmember state" means a state that has not enacted this compact.</u>	96 97
<u>L. "Receiving state" means the state to which a child of a military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.</u>	98 99
<u>M. "Rule" means a written statement by the Interstate Commission promulgated pursuant to Article XII of this compact that is of general applicability, implements, interprets, or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the Interstate Commission, and has the force and effect of statutory law in a member state, and includes the amendment, repeal, or suspension of an existing rule.</u>	100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107
<u>N. "Sending state" means the state from which a child of a military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or brought.</u>	108 109

O. "State" means a state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands, and any other United States territory. 110
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P. "Student" means the child of a military family for whom the local education agency receives public funding and who is formally enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade. 114
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Q. "Transition" means 1) the formal and physical process of transferring from school to school or 2) the period of time in which a student moves from one school in the sending state to another school in the receiving state. 117
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R. "Uniformed services" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service. 121
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S. "Veteran" means a person who served in the uniformed services and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. 125
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ARTICLE III. APPLICABILITY 128

A. Except as otherwise provided in Section B, this compact shall apply to the children of: 129
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1. Active duty members of the uniformed services as defined in this compact, including members of the national guard and reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1209 and 1211; 131
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2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one year after medical discharge or retirement; and 134
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3. Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one year after death. 137
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B. The provisions of this interstate compact shall only apply to local education agencies as defined in this compact. 140
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C. The provisions of this compact shall not apply to the children of: 142
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1. Inactive members of the national guard and military reserves; 144
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2. Members of the uniformed services now retired, except as provided in Section A; 146
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3. Veterans of the uniformed services, except as provided in Section A; and 148
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4. Other Department of Defense personnel and other federal agency civilian and contract employees not defined as active duty members of the uniformed services. 150
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ARTICLE IV. EDUCATIONAL RECORDS AND ENROLLMENT 153

A. Unofficial or "hand-carried" education records - In the event that official education records cannot be released to the parents for the purpose of transfer, the custodian of the records in the sending state shall prepare and furnish to the parent a complete set of unofficial educational records containing uniform information as determined by the Interstate Commission. Upon receipt of the unofficial education records by a school in the receiving state, the school shall enroll and appropriately place the student based on the information provided in the unofficial records pending validation by the official records, as quickly as possible. 154
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B. Official education records and transcripts - Simultaneous with the enrollment and conditional placement of the student, the school in the receiving state shall request the student's official education record from the school in the sending state. Upon receipt of this request, the school in the sending state will 165
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process and furnish the official education records to the school 170
in the receiving state within ten days or within such time as is 171
reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by the 172
Interstate Commission. 173

C. Immunizations - Compacting states shall give thirty days 174
from the date of enrollment or within such time as is reasonably 175
determined under the rules promulgated by the Interstate 176
Commission, for students to obtain any immunizations required by 177
the receiving state. For a series of immunizations, initial 178
vaccinations must be obtained within thirty days or within such 179
time as is reasonably determined under the rules promulgated by 180
the Interstate Commission. 181

D. Kindergarten and first grade entrance age - Students shall 182
be allowed to continue their enrollment at grade level in the 183
receiving state commensurate with their grade level (including 184
kindergarten) from a local education agency in the sending state 185
at the time of transition, regardless of age. A student that has 186
satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level in the local 187
education agency in the sending state shall be eligible for 188
enrollment in the next highest grade level in the receiving state, 189
regardless of age. A student transferring after the start of the 190
school year in the receiving state shall enter the school in the 191
receiving state on their validated level from an accredited school 192
in the sending state. 193

ARTICLE V. PLACEMENT AND ATTENDANCE 194

A. Course placement - When the student transfers before or 195
during the school year, the receiving state school shall initially 196
honor placement of the student in educational courses based on the 197
student's enrollment in the sending state school or educational 198
assessments conducted at the school in the sending state if the 199
courses are offered. Course placement includes but is not limited 200
to Honors, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, 201

vocational, technical, and career pathways courses. Continuing the 202
student's academic program from the previous school and promoting 203
placement in academically and career challenging courses should be 204
paramount when considering placement. This does not preclude the 205
school in the receiving state from performing subsequent 206
evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued 207
enrollment of the student in the courses. 208

B. Educational program placement - The receiving state school 209
shall initially honor placement of the student in educational 210
programs based on current educational assessments conducted at the 211
school in the sending state or participation/placement in like 212
programs in the sending state. Such programs include, but are not 213
limited to: 1) gifted and talented programs; and 2) English as a 214
second language. This does not preclude the school in the 215
receiving state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure 216
appropriate placement of the student. 217

C. Special education services - 1) In compliance with the 218
federal requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities 219
Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., the receiving state 220
shall initially provide comparable services to a student with 221
disabilities based on the student's current individualized 222
education program (IEP); and 2) in compliance with the 223
requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. 224
794, and with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 225
U.S.C. 12131 to 12165, the receiving state shall make reasonable 226
accommodations and modifications to address the needs of incoming 227
students with disabilities, subject to an existing Section 504 or 228
Title II Plan, to provide the student with equal access to 229
education. This does not preclude the school in the receiving 230
state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate 231
placement of the student. 232

D. Placement flexibility - Local education agency 233

administrative officials shall have flexibility in waiving course 234
or program prerequisites, or other preconditions for placement in 235
courses or programs offered under the jurisdiction of the local 236
education agency. 237

E. Absence as related to deployment activities - A student 238
whose parent or legal guardian is an active duty member of the 239
uniformed services, as defined by the compact, and has been called 240
to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from 241
deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting, shall be 242
granted additional excused absences at the discretion of the local 243
education agency superintendent to visit with the student's parent 244
or legal guardian relative to such leave or deployment of the 245
parent or guardian. 246

ARTICLE VI. ELIGIBILITY 247

A. Eligibility for enrollment 248

1. A special power of attorney, relative to the guardianship 249
of a child of a military family and executed under applicable law 250
shall be sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other 251
actions requiring parental participation and consent. 252

2. A local education agency shall be prohibited from charging 253
local tuition to a transitioning military child placed in the care 254
of a noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis 255
who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial 256
parent. 257

3. A transitioning military child, placed in the care of a 258
noncustodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis who 259
lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent, 260
may continue to attend the school in which the child was enrolled 261
while residing with the custodial parent. 262

B. Eligibility for extracurricular participation - State and 263
local education agencies shall facilitate the opportunity for 264

transitioning military children's inclusion in extracurricular 265
activities, regardless of application deadlines, to the extent 266
they are otherwise qualified. 267

ARTICLE VII. GRADUATION 268

In order to facilitate the on-time graduation of children of 269
military families states and local education agencies shall 270
incorporate the following procedures: 271

A. Waiver requirements - Local education agency 272
administrative officials shall waive specific courses required for 273
graduation if similar coursework has been satisfactorily completed 274
in another local education agency or shall provide reasonable 275
justification for denial. Should a waiver not be granted to a 276
student who would qualify to graduate from the sending school, the 277
local education agency shall provide an alternative means of 278
acquiring required coursework so that graduation may occur on 279
time. 280

B. Exit exams - States shall accept: 1) exit or end-of-course 281
exams required for graduation from the sending state; or 2) 282
national norm-referenced achievement tests; or 3) alternative 283
testing, in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the 284
receiving state. In the event the above alternatives cannot be 285
accommodated by the receiving state for a student transferring in 286
his or her Senior year, then the provisions of Article VII, 287
Section C shall apply. 288

C. Transfers during Senior year - Should a military student 289
transferring at the beginning or during the student's Senior year 290
be ineligible to graduate from the receiving local education 291
agency after all alternatives have been considered, the sending 292
and receiving local education agencies shall ensure the receipt of 293
a diploma from the sending local education agency, if the student 294
meets the graduation requirements of the sending local education 295

agency. In the event that one of the states in question is not a 296
member of this compact, the member state shall use best efforts to 297
facilitate the on-time graduation of the student in accordance 298
with Sections A and B of this Article. 299

ARTICLE VIII. STATE COORDINATION 300

A. Each member state shall, through the creation of a state 301
council or use of an existing body or board, provide for the 302
coordination among its agencies of government, local education 303
agencies and military installations concerning the state's 304
participation in, and compliance with, this compact and Interstate 305
Commission activities. While each member state may determine the 306
membership of its own state council, its membership must include 307
at least: the state superintendent of education, superintendent of 308
a school district with a high concentration of military children, 309
representative from a military installation, one representative 310
each from the legislative and executive branches of government, 311
and other offices and stakeholder groups the state council deems 312
appropriate. A member state that does not have a school district 313
deemed to contain a high concentration of military children may 314
appoint a superintendent from another school district to represent 315
local education agencies on the state council. 316

B. The state council of each member state shall appoint or 317
designate a military family education liaison to assist military 318
families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this 319
compact. 320

C. The compact commissioner responsible for the 321
administration and management of the state's participation in the 322
compact shall be appointed by the governor or as otherwise 323
determined by each member state. 324

D. The compact commissioner and the military family education 325
liaison designated herein shall be ex officio members of the state 326

council, unless either is already a full voting member of the 327
state council. 328

ARTICLE IX. INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY 329
FOR MILITARY CHILDREN 330

The member states hereby create the "Interstate Commission on 331
Educational Opportunity for Military Children." The activities of 332
the Interstate Commission are the formation of public policy and 333
are a discretionary state function. The Interstate Commission 334
shall: 335

A. Be a body corporate and joint agency of the member states 336
and shall have all the responsibilities, powers and duties set 337
forth herein, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon 338
it by a subsequent concurrent action of the respective 339
legislatures of the member states in accordance with the terms of 340
this compact. 341

B. Consist of one Interstate Commission voting representative 342
from each member state who shall be that state's compact 343
commissioner. 344

1. Each member state represented at a meeting of the 345
Interstate Commission is entitled to one vote. 346

2. A majority of the total member states shall constitute a 347
quorum for the transaction of business, unless a larger quorum is 348
required by the bylaws of the Interstate Commission. 349

3. A representative shall not delegate a vote to another 350
member state. In the event the compact commissioner is unable to 351
attend a meeting of the Interstate Commission, the governor or 352
state council may delegate voting authority to another person from 353
their state for a specified meeting. 354

4. The bylaws may provide for meetings of the Interstate 355
Commission to be conducted by telecommunication or electronic 356

communication. 357

C. Consist of ex officio, nonvoting representatives who are 358
members of interested organizations. Such ex officio members, as 359
defined in the bylaws, may include but not be limited to, members 360
of the representative organizations of military family advocates, 361
local education agency officials, parent and teacher groups, the 362
Department of Defense, the Education Commission of the States, the 363
Interstate Agreement on the Qualification of Educational Personnel 364
and other interstate compacts affecting the education of children 365
of military members. 366

D. Meet at least once each calendar year. The chairperson may 367
call additional meetings and, upon the request of a simple 368
majority of the member states, shall call additional meetings. 369

E. Establish an executive committee, whose members shall 370
include the officers of the Interstate Commission and such other 371
members of the Interstate Commission as determined by the bylaws. 372
Members of the executive committee shall serve a one year term. 373
Members of the executive committee shall be entitled to one vote 374
each. The executive committee shall have the power to act on 375
behalf of the Interstate Commission, with the exception of 376
rulemaking, during periods when the Interstate Commission is not 377
in session. The executive committee shall oversee the day-to-day 378
activities of the administration of the compact including 379
enforcement and compliance with the provisions of the compact, its 380
bylaws and rules, and other such duties as deemed necessary. The 381
Department of Defense, shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting 382
member of the executive committee. 383

F. Establish bylaws and rules that provide for conditions and 384
procedures under which the Interstate Commission shall make its 385
information and official records available to the public for 386
inspection or copying. The Interstate Commission may exempt from 387
disclosure information or official records to the extent they 388

would adversely affect personal privacy rights or proprietary 389
interests. 390

G. Give public notice of all meetings and all meetings shall 391
be open to the public, except as set forth in the rules or as 392
otherwise provided in the compact. The Interstate Commission and 393
its committees may close a meeting, or portion thereof, where it 394
determines by two-thirds vote that an open meeting would be likely 395
to: 396

1. Relate solely to the Interstate Commission's internal 397
personnel practices and procedures; 398

2. Disclose matters specifically exempted from disclosure by 399
federal and state statute; 400

3. Disclose trade secrets or commercial or financial 401
information which is privileged or confidential; 402

4. Involve accusing a person of a crime, or formally 403
censuring a person; 404

5. Disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure 405
would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal 406
privacy; 407

6. Disclose investigative records compiled for law 408
enforcement purposes; or 409

7. Specifically relate to the Interstate Commission's 410
participation in a civil action or other legal proceeding. 411

H. Shall cause its legal counsel or designee to certify that 412
a meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant 413
exemptible provision for any meeting, or portion of a meeting, 414
which is closed pursuant to this provision. The Interstate 415
Commission shall keep minutes which shall fully and clearly 416
describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a 417
full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons 418

therefore, including a description of the views expressed and the 419
record of a roll call vote. All documents considered in connection 420
with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes 421
and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject 422
to release by a majority vote of the Interstate Commission. 423

I. Shall collect standardized data concerning the educational 424
transition of the children of military families under this compact 425
as directed through its rules which shall specify the data to be 426
collected, the means of collection and data exchange, and 427
reporting requirements. Such methods of data collection, exchange, 428
and reporting shall, in so far as is reasonably possible, conform 429
to current technology and coordinate its information functions 430
with the appropriate custodian of records as identified in the 431
bylaws and rules. 432

J. Shall create a process that permits military officials, 433
education officials and parents to inform the Interstate 434
Commission if and when there are alleged violations of the compact 435
or its rules or when issues subject to the jurisdiction of the 436
compact or its rules are not addressed by the state or local 437
education agency. This section shall not be construed to create a 438
private right of action against the Interstate Commission or any 439
member state. 440

ARTICLE X. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION 441

The Interstate Commission shall have the following powers: 442

A. To provide for dispute resolution among member states. 443

B. To promulgate rules and take all necessary actions to 444
effect the goals, purposes, and obligations as enumerated in this 445
compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of statutory 446
law and shall be binding in the compact states to the extent and 447
in the manner provided in this compact. 448

C. To issue, upon request of a member state, advisory 449

opinions concerning the meaning or interpretation of the 450
interstate compact, its bylaws, rules, and actions. 451

D. To enforce compliance with the compact provisions, the 452
rules promulgated by the Interstate Commission, and the bylaws, 453
using all necessary and proper means, including but not limited to 454
the use of judicial process. 455

E. To establish and maintain offices which shall be located 456
within one or more of the member states. 457

F. To purchase and maintain insurance and bonds. 458

G. To borrow, accept, hire, or contract for services of 459
personnel. 460

H. To establish and appoint committees including, but not 461
limited to, an executive committee as required by Article IX, 462
Section E, which shall have the power to act on behalf of the 463
Interstate Commission in carrying out its powers and duties 464
hereunder. 465

I. To elect or appoint such officers, attorneys, employees, 466
agents, or consultants, and to fix their compensation, define 467
their duties and determine their qualifications; and to establish 468
the Interstate Commission's personnel policies and programs 469
relating to conflicts of interest, rates of compensation, and 470
qualifications of personnel. 471

J. To accept any and all donations and grants of money, 472
equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, 473
utilize, and dispose of it. 474

K. To lease, purchase, accept contributions or donations of, 475
or otherwise to own, hold, improve, or use any property, real, 476
personal, or mixed. 477

L. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, 478
abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal, or 479

<u>mixed.</u>	480
<u>M. To establish a budget and make expenditures.</u>	481
<u>N. To adopt a seal and bylaws governing the management and operation of the Interstate Commission.</u>	482 483
<u>O. To report annually to the legislatures, governors, judiciary, and state councils of the member states concerning the activities of the Interstate Commission during the preceding year. Such reports shall also include any recommendations that may have been adopted by the Interstate Commission.</u>	484 485 486 487 488
<u>P. To coordinate education, training, and public awareness regarding the compact, its implementation and operation for officials and parents involved in such activity.</u>	489 490 491
<u>Q. To establish uniform standards for the reporting, collecting and exchanging of data.</u>	492 493
<u>R. To maintain corporate books and records in accordance with the bylaws.</u>	494 495
<u>S. To perform such functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact.</u>	496 497
<u>T. To provide for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools, and military families under this compact.</u>	498 499 500
<u>ARTICLE XI. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION</u>	501 502
<u>A. The Interstate Commission shall, by a majority of the members present and voting, within twelve months after the first Interstate Commission meeting, adopt bylaws to govern its conduct as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the compact, including, but not limited to:</u>	503 504 505 506 507
<u>1. Establishing the fiscal year of the Interstate Commission;</u>	508

<u>2. Establishing an executive committee, and such other</u>	509
<u>committees as may be necessary;</u>	510
<u>3. Providing for the establishment of committees and for</u>	511
<u>governing any general or specific delegation of authority or</u>	512
<u>function of the Interstate Commission;</u>	513
<u>4. Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting</u>	514
<u>meetings of the Interstate Commission, and ensuring reasonable</u>	515
<u>notice of each such meeting;</u>	516
<u>5. Establishing the titles and responsibilities of the</u>	517
<u>officers and staff of the Interstate Commission;</u>	518
<u>6. Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the</u>	519
<u>Interstate Commission and the return of surplus funds that may</u>	520
<u>exist upon the termination of the compact after the payment and</u>	521
<u>reserving of all of its debts and obligations.</u>	522
<u>7. Providing "start up" rules for initial administration of</u>	523
<u>the compact.</u>	524
<u>B. The Interstate Commission shall, by a majority of the</u>	525
<u>members, elect annually from among its members a chairperson, a</u>	526
<u>vice-chairperson, and a treasurer, each of whom shall have such</u>	527
<u>authority and duties as may be specified in the bylaws. The</u>	528
<u>chairperson or, in the chairperson's absence or disability, the</u>	529
<u>vice-chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the Interstate</u>	530
<u>Commission. The officers so elected shall serve without</u>	531
<u>compensation or remuneration from the Interstate Commission;</u>	532
<u>provided that, subject to the availability of budgeted funds, the</u>	533
<u>officers shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary costs and</u>	534
<u>expenses incurred by them in the performance of their</u>	535
<u>responsibilities as officers of the Interstate Commission.</u>	536
<u>C. Executive Committee, Officers, and Personnel</u>	537
<u>1. The executive committee shall have such authority and</u>	538

duties as may be set forth in the bylaws, including but not 539
limited to: 540

a. Managing the affairs of the Interstate Commission in a 541
manner consistent with the bylaws and purposes of the Interstate 542
Commission; 543

b. Overseeing an organizational structure within, and 544
appropriate procedures for the Interstate Commission to provide 545
for the creation of rules, operating procedures, and 546
administrative and technical support functions; and 547

c. Planning, implementing, and coordinating communications 548
and activities with other state, federal, and local government 549
organizations in order to advance the goals of the Interstate 550
Commission. 551

2. The executive committee may, subject to the approval of 552
the Interstate Commission, appoint or retain an executive director 553
for such period, upon such terms and conditions and for such 554
compensation, as the Interstate Commission may deem appropriate. 555
The executive director shall serve as secretary to the Interstate 556
Commission, but shall not be a Member of the Interstate 557
Commission. The executive director shall hire and supervise such 558
other persons as may be authorized by the Interstate Commission. 559

D. The Interstate Commission's executive director and its 560
employees shall be immune from suit and liability, either 561
personally or in their official capacity, for a claim for damage 562
to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability 563
caused or arising out of or relating to an actual or alleged act, 564
error, or omission that occurred, or that such person had a 565
reasonable basis for believing occurred, within the scope of 566
Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; 567
provided, that such person shall not be protected from suit or 568
liability for damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the 569

intentional or willful and wanton misconduct of such person. 570

1. The liability of the Interstate Commission's executive 571
director and employees or Interstate Commission representatives, 572
acting within the scope of such person's employment or duties for 573
acts, errors, or omissions occurring within such person's state 574
may not exceed the limits of liability set forth under the 575
Constitution and laws of that state for state officials, 576
employees, and agents. The Interstate Commission is considered to 577
be an instrumentality of the states for the purposes of any such 578
action. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to protect 579
such person from suit or liability for damage, loss, injury, or 580
liability caused by the intentional or willful and wanton 581
misconduct of such person. 582

2. The Interstate Commission shall defend the executive 583
director and its employees and, subject to the approval of the 584
Attorney General or other appropriate legal counsel of the member 585
state represented by an Interstate Commission representative, 586
shall defend such Interstate Commission representative in any 587
civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of an actual 588
or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope 589
of Interstate Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, 590
or that the defendant had a reasonable basis for believing 591
occurred within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, 592
duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged 593
act, error, or omission did not result from intentional or willful 594
and wanton misconduct on the part of such person. 595

3. To the extent not covered by the state involved, member 596
state, or the Interstate Commission, the representatives or 597
employees of the Interstate Commission shall be held harmless in 598
the amount of a settlement or judgment, including attorney's fees 599
and costs, obtained against such persons arising out of an actual 600
or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope 601

of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, 602
or that such persons had a reasonable basis for believing occurred 603
within the scope of Interstate Commission employment, duties, or 604
responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, 605
or omission did not result from intentional or willful and wanton 606
misconduct on the part of such persons. 607

ARTICLE XII. RULEMAKING FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERSTATE 608
COMMISSION 609

A. Rulemaking Authority - The Interstate Commission shall 610
promulgate reasonable rules in order to effectively and 611
efficiently achieve the purposes of this compact. Notwithstanding 612
the foregoing, in the event the Interstate Commission exercises 613
its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of 614
the purposes of this act, or the powers granted hereunder, then 615
such an action by the Interstate Commission shall be invalid and 616
have no force or effect. 617

B. Rulemaking Procedure - Rules shall be made pursuant to a 618
rulemaking process that substantially conforms to the "Model State 619
Administrative Procedure Act," of 1981 Act, Uniform Laws 620
Annotated, Vol. 15, p.1 (2000) as amended, as may be appropriate 621
to the operations of the Interstate Commission. 622

C. Not later than thirty days after a rule is promulgated, 623
any person may file a petition for judicial review of the rule; 624
provided, that the filing of such a petition shall not stay or 625
otherwise prevent the rule from becoming effective unless the 626
court finds that the petitioner has a substantial likelihood of 627
success. The court shall give deference to the actions of the 628
Interstate Commission consistent with applicable law and shall not 629
find the rule to be unlawful if the rule represents a reasonable 630
exercise of the Interstate Commission's authority. 631

D. If a majority of the legislatures of the compacting states 632

rejects a rule by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same 633
manner used to adopt the compact, then such rule shall have no 634
further force and effect in any compacting state. 635

ARTICLE XIII. OVERSIGHT, ENFORCEMENT, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION 636

A. Oversight 637

1. The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state 638
government in each member state shall enforce this compact and 639
shall take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the 640
compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this compact and 641
the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as statutory 642
law. 643

2. All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and 644
the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a member 645
state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact which may 646
affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the Interstate 647
Commission. 648

3. The Interstate Commission shall be entitled to receive all 649
service of process in any such proceeding, and shall have standing 650
to intervene in the proceeding for all purposes. Failure to 651
provide service of process to the Interstate Commission shall 652
render a judgment or order void as to the Interstate Commission, 653
this compact or promulgated rules. 654

B. Default, Technical Assistance, Suspension, and Termination 655

- If the Interstate Commission determines that a member state has 656
defaulted in the performance of its obligations or 657
responsibilities under this compact, or the bylaws or promulgated 658
rules, the Interstate Commission shall: 659

1. Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other 660
member states, of the nature of the default, the means of curing 661
the default and any action taken by the Interstate Commission. The 662
Interstate Commission shall specify the conditions by which the 663

defaulting state must cure its default. 664

2. Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default. 665
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3. If the defaulting state fails to cure the default, the defaulting state shall be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the member states and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact shall be terminated from the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of the default. 667
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4. Suspension or termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Interstate Commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each of the member states. 674
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5. The state which has been suspended or terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of suspension or termination including obligations, the performance of which extends beyond the effective date of suspension or termination. 680
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6. The Interstate Commission shall not bear any costs relating to any state that has been found to be in default or which has been suspended or terminated from the compact, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing between the Interstate Commission and the defaulting state. 685
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7. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Interstate Commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Interstate Commission has its principal offices. The prevailing party shall be awarded all costs of such litigation 690
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including reasonable attorney's fees. 695

C. Dispute Resolution 696

1. The Interstate Commission shall attempt, upon the request 697
of a member state, to resolve disputes which are subject to the 698
compact and which may arise among member states and between member 699
and nonmember states. 700

2. The Interstate Commission shall promulgate a rule 701
providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for 702
disputes as appropriate. 703

D. Enforcement 704

1. The Interstate Commission, in the reasonable exercise of 705
its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this 706
compact. 707

2. The Interstate Commission, may by majority vote of the 708
members, initiate legal action in the United States District Court 709
for the District of Columbia or, at the discretion of the 710
Interstate Commission, in the federal district where the 711
Interstate Commission has its principal offices, to enforce 712
compliance with the provisions of the compact, its promulgated 713
rules and bylaws, against a member state in default. The relief 714
sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the 715
event judicial enforcement is necessary the prevailing party shall 716
be awarded all costs of such litigation including reasonable 717
attorney's fees. 718

3. The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of 719
the Interstate Commission. The Interstate Commission may avail 720
itself of any other remedies available under state law or the 721
regulation of a profession. 722

ARTICLE XIV. FINANCING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION 723

A. The Interstate Commission shall pay, or provide for the 724

payment of the reasonable expenses of its establishment, 725
organization, and ongoing activities. 726

B. The Interstate Commission may levy on and collect an 727
annual assessment from each member state to cover the cost of the 728
operations and activities of the Interstate Commission and its 729
staff which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover the 730
Interstate Commission's annual budget as approved each year. The 731
aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a 732
formula to be determined by the Interstate Commission, which shall 733
promulgate a rule binding upon all member states. 734

C. The Interstate Commission shall not incur obligations of 735
any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; 736
nor shall the Interstate Commission pledge the credit of any of 737
the member states, except by and with the authority of the member 738
state. 739

D. The Interstate Commission shall keep accurate accounts of 740
all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of 741
the Interstate Commission shall be subject to the audit and 742
accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all 743
receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Interstate 744
Commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed 745
public accountant and the report of the audit shall be included in 746
and become part of the annual report of the Interstate Commission. 747

ARTICLE XV. MEMBER STATES, EFFECTIVE DATE AND AMENDMENT 748

A. Any state is eligible to become a member state. 749

B. The compact shall become effective and binding upon 750
legislative enactment of the compact into law by no less than ten 751
of the states. The effective date shall be no earlier than 752
December 1, 2007. Thereafter it shall become effective and binding 753
as to any other member state upon enactment of the compact into 754
law by that state. The governors of nonmember states or their 755

designees shall be invited to participate in the activities of the 756
Interstate Commission on a nonvoting basis prior to adoption of 757
the compact by all states. 758

C. The Interstate Commission may propose amendments to the 759
compact for enactment by the member states. No amendment shall 760
become effective and binding upon the Interstate Commission and 761
the member states unless and until it is enacted into law by 762
unanimous consent of the member states. 763

ARTICLE XVI. WITHDRAWAL AND DISSOLUTION 764

A. Withdrawal 765

1. Once effective, the compact shall continue in force and 766
remain binding upon each and every member state; provided that a 767
member state may withdraw from the compact by specifically 768
repealing the statute, which enacted the compact into law. 769

2. Withdrawal from this compact shall be by the enactment of 770
a statute repealing the same, but shall not take effect until one 771
year after the effective date of such statute and until written 772
notice of the withdrawal has been given by the withdrawing state 773
to the Governor of each other member jurisdiction. 774

3. The withdrawing state shall immediately notify the 775
chairperson of the Interstate Commission in writing upon the 776
introduction of legislation repealing this compact in the 777
withdrawing state. The Interstate Commission shall notify the 778
other member states of the withdrawing state's intent to withdraw 779
within sixty days of its receipt thereof. 780

4. The withdrawing state is responsible for all assessments, 781
obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of 782
withdrawal, including obligations, the performance of which extend 783
beyond the effective date of withdrawal. 784

5. Reinstatement following withdrawal of a member state shall 785

occur upon the withdrawing state reenacting the compact or upon 786
such later date as determined by the Interstate Commission. 787

B. Dissolution of Compact 788

1. This compact shall dissolve effective upon the date of the 789
withdrawal or default of the member state which reduces the 790
membership in the compact to one member state. 791

2. Upon the dissolution of this compact, the compact becomes 792
null and void and shall be of no further force or effect, and the 793
business and affairs of the Interstate Commission shall be 794
concluded and surplus funds shall be distributed in accordance 795
with the bylaws. 796

ARTICLE XVII. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION 797

A. The provisions of this compact shall be severable, and if 798
any phrase, clause, sentence or provision is deemed unenforceable, 799
the remaining provisions of the compact shall be enforceable. 800

B. The provisions of this compact shall be liberally 801
construed to effectuate its purposes. 802

C. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to prohibit the 803
applicability of other interstate compacts to which the states are 804
members. 805

ARTICLE XVIII. BINDING EFFECT OF COMPACT AND OTHER LAWS 806

A. Other Laws 807

1. Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law 808
of a member state that is not inconsistent with this compact. 809

2. All member states' laws conflicting with this compact are 810
superseded to the extent of the conflict. 811

B. Binding Effect of the Compact 812

1. All lawful actions of the Interstate Commission, including 813
all rules and bylaws promulgated by the Interstate Commission, are 814

binding upon the member states. 815

2. All agreements between the Interstate Commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms. 816
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3. In the event any provision of this compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member state, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that member state. 818
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Sec. 3301.61. (A) Subject to section 3301.64 of the Revised Code, the state council on educational opportunity for military children is hereby established within the governor's office of veterans' affairs. The council shall consist of the following members: 823
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(1) The superintendent of public instruction; 828

(2) The superintendent of a school district that has a high concentration of children of military families, appointed by the governor; 829
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(3) A representative of a military installation located in this state, appointed by the governor; 832
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(4) A representative of the governor's office, appointed by the governor; 834
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(5) Four members of the general assembly, appointed as follows: 836
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(a) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 838
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(b) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 840
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(c) One member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate; 842
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(d) One member of the senate appointed by the minority leader 844
of the senate. 845

(6) The compact commissioner appointed under section 3301.62 846
of the Revised Code; 847

(7) The military education family education liaison appointed 848
under section 3301.63 of the Revised Code; 849

(8) Other members appointed in the manner prescribed by and 850
seated at the discretion of the voting members of the council. 851

The members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of 852
their appointing authorities. Vacancies shall be filled in the 853
manner of the initial appointments. 854

The members appointed under divisions (A)(5) to (8) of this 855
section shall be nonvoting members of the council. 856

The members of the council shall serve without compensation. 857

(B) The council shall oversee and provide coordination for 858
the state's participation in and compliance with the interstate 859
compact on educational opportunity for military children, as 860
ratified by section 3301.60 of the Revised Code. 861

(C) The governor's office of veterans' affairs shall provide 862
staff support for the council. 863

(D) Sections 101.82 to 101.87 of the Revised Code do not 864
apply to the council. 865

(E) As used in this section, "children of military families" 866
and "military installation" have the same meanings as in Article 867
II of the interstate compact on educational opportunity for 868
military children. 869

Sec. 3301.62. Subject to section 3301.64 of the Revised Code, 870
the governor shall appoint a compact commissioner who shall be 871
responsible for administering the state's participation in the 872

interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children, as ratified by section 3301.60 of the Revised Code. The compact commissioner shall be a state officer within the governor's office of veterans' affairs and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. 873
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Sec. 3301.63. Subject to section 3301.64 of the Revised Code, the state council on educational opportunity for military children, established under section 3301.61 of the Revised Code, shall appoint a military education family education liaison to assist families and the state in implementing the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children, as ratified by section 3301.60 of the Revised Code. The governor's office of veterans' affairs shall provide staff support for the military education family education liaison. 878
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Sec. 3301.64. Notwithstanding sections 3301.61, 3301.62, and 3301.63 of the Revised Code, the state council on educational opportunity for military children, the compact commissioner, and the military education family education liaison shall not be appointed until such time as not less than ten states, including this state, ratify the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children. 887
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