
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR
MILITARY CHILDREN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that military personnel
2 and their families face numerous barriers due to frequent moves
3 and deployment in ensuring the educational success of their
4 children. Moving and changing schools can be extremely
5 difficult for military families, but especially for military
6 children. The educational curriculum and education requirements
7 vary tremendously between states, school districts, and even
8 schools. Finding methods for addressing the issues related to
9 bridging the gap between schools is necessary to ensure military
10 children receive an appropriate education through smooth
11 transitions.

12 The legislature finds that several states are currently
13 considering legislation for the enactment of the Interstate
14 Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
15 Before considering adoption of the compact, the provisions of
16 the compact, the current practices of the department of
17 education in handling the educational requirements for military



1 children, and other states' practices in handling education
2 issues relating to military children should first be examined.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish a task force on the
4 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
5 Children to examine the compact and related issues to determine
6 the appropriate approach for the State.

7 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the task force on the
8 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
9 Children within the department of education for administrative
10 purposes.

11 (b) The task force on the Interstate Compact on
12 Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall be comprised
13 of eleven members as follows:

14 (1) Two members of the senate who shall be appointed by
15 the president of the senate;

16 (2) Two members of the house of representatives who shall
17 be appointed by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives;

19 (3) Two members appointed by the governor, at least one of
20 which shall be a member of the Hawaii National Guard;

21 (4) Two members appointed by the superintendent of
22 education;



- 1 (5) The chairperson of the board of education, or the
- 2 chairperson's designee;
- 3 (6) One representative from The Chamber of Commerce of
- 4 Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and
- 5 (7) One representative from the Joint Venture Education
- 6 Forum.

7 The task force shall select a chairperson from its
8 membership.

9 (c) The task force on the Interstate Compact on
10 Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall:

- 11 (1) Review and analyze the provisions of the Interstate
- 12 Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
- 13 Children;
- 14 (2) Review and analyze the department of education's
- 15 current practices and procedures regarding issues
- 16 related to military children in public schools;
- 17 (3) Determine which portions of the proposed compact
- 18 language are already implemented or intended to be
- 19 implemented by the department of education;
- 20 (4) Determine which parts of the proposed language of the
- 21 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for



1 Military Children are worthy of implementation but may
2 require time or resources;

3 (5) Determine which parts of the Interstate Compact on
4 Educational Opportunity for Military Children are
5 unacceptable, and, if amendments are required to make
6 these portions acceptable, propose such amendments;

7 (6) Communicate with other state legislatures that have
8 adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational
9 Opportunity for Military Children or are contemplating
10 action; and

11 (7) Recommend changes to the department of education's
12 current practices and procedures to improve services
13 provided to military children in public schools,
14 particularly those necessary to ensure smooth
15 transitions between schools and equal access to
16 educational opportunities despite movement.

17 (d) The task force on the Interstate Compact on
18 Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall be exempt
19 from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; provided that the task
20 force shall make a good faith effort to make its proceedings and
21 work products accessible and available to the general public in



1 a manner consistent with the intent of chapter 92, Hawaii
2 Revised Statutes.

3 (e) Members of the task force on the Interstate Compact on
4 Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall serve
5 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
6 including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of
7 their duties.

8 (f) The Hawaii educational policy center shall provide
9 administrative support and assist the task force on the
10 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military
11 Children in the preparation of the report and proposed
12 legislation required pursuant to subsection (g).

13 (g) The task force on the Interstate Compact on
14 Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall submit its
15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of the regular session of 2009.

18 (h) The task force on the Interstate Compact on
19 Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall cease to
20 exist on June 30, 2009.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Education; Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for
Military Children; Task Force

Description:

Establishes a task force to study the Interstate Compact on
Educational Opportunity for Military Children and other issues
relating to the educational needs of military children. (SB2877
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