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Proponent Testimony: HB 2102: Advance Enrollment of Military Students  
Hearing Date: February 4, 2025

Madam Chair and House Education Committee Members,

I am Representative Mari-Lynn Poskin, the Ranking Member of our Veterans and Military committee and I am so very pleased to submit proponent testimony on behalf of our caucus members on the committee: Representatives Carlin, Ruiz, Weigel and myself. House Democrats have a long history of supporting state level policy to improve the lives and well-being of our military families. Led by Representative Sydney Carlin, Kansas was the first state to adopt the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children in 2008. Source: [https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/KANSAS-Profile\\_2024.03.08.pdf](https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/KANSAS-Profile_2024.03.08.pdf)



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**OVERVIEW**

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts and the Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, and stakeholders from 18 different organizations and national associations, including representatives of parents, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Interstate Compact eases education transition issues faced by the children of active duty service members transferring between school districts and states. Most military children will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children when dealing with issues of enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation when transferring schools.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006, and drafting of the Compact began early in 2007. The Compact was first available for legislative consideration in 2008. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just 6 legislative sessions.

**HISTORY**

Kansas was the first state to adopt the Interstate Compact into statute on April 9, 2008. The model language of the Interstate Compact was adopted with format modifications for the Kansas Statutes. The dues are paid by the Kansas Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Representative Sydney Carlin  
**Governor Signed:** April 9, 2008, First State to join the Compact  
**Location in Statute or Code:** Kansas Statutes, 72-8268

As the Johnson County Delegation Chair, I invited our Department of Defense State Liaison, Michele Richart, to speak about state policy priorities that can ease challenges our military families face with PCS, or Permanent Change of Station, as my own family did so many times, with my father in service to our country as an Air Force B-52 pilot. Advance Enrollment, as provided for in HB 2102, was at the top of her list. It prevents military families from being hindered by missing spring deadlines for programs and course enrollment when they know they are moving to Kansas, but do not physically arrive until these deadlines have passed. HB 2102 will also assist school districts with more accurate headcounts earlier. Therefore, I urge the committee to work and pass out HB 2102 favorably.

Sincerely,



Representatives Poskin, Carlin, Ruiz and Weigel