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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



GOV. MSG. NO. 1341

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

July 13, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 13, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 3118, S.D. 1, H.D. 2

RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY
CHILDREN.

ACT 239

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUL 13 2026

THE SENATE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2026
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 239
S.B. NO. 3118
S.D. 1
H.D. 2

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
FOR MILITARY CHILDREN.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to update references
2 to the United States Code in the interstate compact on
3 educational opportunity for military children.

4 SECTION 2. Section 311D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by amending articles II and III to read as follows:

6 **"ARTICLE II**

7 **DEFINITIONS**

8 As used in this compact, unless the context clearly
9 requires a different construction:

10 "Active duty" means full-time duty status in the active
11 uniformed service of the United States, including members of the
12 national guard and reserve on active duty orders pursuant to
13 title 10 United States Code [section 101(d)(1) and section
14 101(d)(6)(A).] chapters 1209 and 1211.

15 "Appropriate education agency" means a public authority
16 legally constituted by a state as an administrative agency to



1 provide control of and direction for kindergarten through
2 twelfth grade public educational institutions.

3 "Children of military families" means school-aged children,
4 enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, in the
5 households of active duty members.

6 "Compact" means the interstate compact on educational
7 opportunity for military children.

8 "Compact commissioner" means the voting representative of
9 each compacting state appointed pursuant to article VIII of this
10 compact.

11 "Deployment" means the period of three months prior to the
12 service members' departure from their home station on military
13 orders through six months after return to their home station.

14 "Education records" means those official records, files,
15 and data directly related to a student and maintained by the
16 school or appropriate education agency, including records
17 encompassing all the material kept in the student's cumulative
18 folder such as general identifying data, records of attendance
19 and of academic work completed, records of achievement and
20 results of evaluative tests, health data, disciplinary status,
21 test protocols, and individualized education programs.



1 "Extracurricular activities" means a voluntary activity
2 sponsored by the school or appropriate education agency or an
3 organization sanctioned by the appropriate education agency.
4 "Extracurricular activities" [~~include~~] includes preparation for
5 and involvement in public performances, contests, athletic
6 competitions, demonstrations, displays, and club activities.

7 "Interstate commission on educational opportunity for
8 military children" or "interstate commission" means the
9 commission that is created under article IX of this compact.

10 "Local education agency" means a public authority legally
11 constituted by a state as an administrative agency to provide
12 control of and direction for kindergarten through twelfth grade
13 public educational institutions.

14 "Member state" means a state that has enacted this compact.

15 "Military installation" means a base, camp, post, station,
16 yard, center, homeport facility for any ship, or other facility
17 under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of
18 Defense, including any leased facility, which is located within
19 any of the several states, the District of Columbia, the
20 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands,
21 Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands, and any



1 other United States territory. [~~The term shall~~] "Military
2 installation" does not include any facility used primarily for
3 civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood control
4 projects.

5 "Non-member state" means a state that has not enacted this
6 compact.

7 "Receiving state" means the state to which a child of a
8 military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or
9 brought.

10 "Rule" means a written statement by the interstate
11 commission promulgated pursuant to article XII of this compact
12 that is of general applicability, implements, interprets, or
13 prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an
14 organizational, procedural, or practice requirement of the
15 interstate commission, has the force and effect of statutory law
16 in a member state, and includes the amendment, repeal, or
17 suspension of an existing rule.

18 "Sending state" means the state from which a child of a
19 military family is sent, brought, or caused to be sent or
20 brought.



1 "State" means a state of the United States, the District of
2 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States
3 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianas
4 Islands, and any other United States territory.

5 "Student" means the child of a military family for whom the
6 local education agency receives public funding and who is
7 formally enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

8 "Student financial obligation" means any unpaid or
9 outstanding fines or fees.

10 "Transition" means the formal and physical process of
11 transferring from school to school, or the period of time in
12 which a student moves from one school in the sending state to
13 another school in the receiving state.

14 "Uniformed service" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine
15 Corps, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the
16 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public
17 Health Services.

18 "Veteran" means a person who served in the uniformed
19 services and who was discharged or released therefrom under
20 honorable conditions.

21 **ARTICLE III**



APPLICABILITY

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), this compact shall apply to the children of:

(1) Active duty members of the uniformed services as defined in this compact, including members of the national guard and military reserves on active duty orders pursuant to title 10 United States Code [~~section 101(d)(1) and section 101(d)(6)(A);~~] chapters 1209 and 1211;

(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

(3) Members of the uniformed services who die while on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty, for a period of one year after death.

(b) This interstate compact shall only apply to appropriate education agencies as defined in this compact.

(c) The provisions of this compact shall not apply to the children of:



1 (1) Inactive members of the national guard and military
2 reserves;

3 (2) Members of the uniformed services now retired, except
4 as provided in subsection (a);

5 (3) Veterans of the uniformed services, except as provided
6 in subsection (a); and

7 (4) Other United States Department of Defense personnel
8 and other federal agency civilian and contract
9 employees not defined as active duty members of the
10 uniformed services."

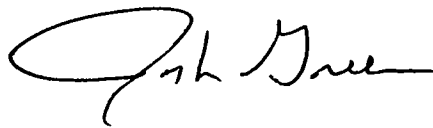
11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this 13th day of July, 2026

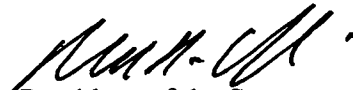
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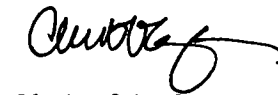
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: May 1, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2026.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 8, 2026
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026.



Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives