



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Data

- ✓ *As a result of efforts to engage and educate stakeholders, states legislators have responded positively on many issues impacting military families.*
- ✓ *Forty-six states have joined the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, helping to minimize school disruption for military children during military-related moves.*
- ✓ *Forty states have introduced legislation addressing the best practices or adopted the best practices to streamline occupational licensing across state lines.*

Additional information

USA4 Military Families

www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil

USA4 Military Families Issue Selection Process

Background

State laws have significant impact on military families in a variety of areas. To help address state-level challenges impacting the quality of life of military families, the Department of Defense-State Liaison Office engages and educates state policymakers and other state leaders about the needs of military members and their families through the USA4 Military Families Initiative.

Highlights

New issues for the USA4 Military Families Initiative are selected through a process involving the entire military community.

- Issues are selected through a process that starts each year by asking for input from the personnel and community support staff in the military services, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau and Office of the Secretary of Defense, military support organizations, veterans' services organizations and the general public through the Federal Register.
- This input is analyzed and sent to responding organizations in the DoD to rank the issues identified, and the top issues are then staffed through the DoD.
- The final list is approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and Force Management.
- The final list of issues includes those that have state policy solutions capable of making important contributions to the well-being of service members and their families.

