

**Executive Order 2015-03**  
**Executive Order Renewing the “State Council on the Education for Military Children”**  
**Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2012-05**

**WHEREAS**, military families encounter significant obstacles when dealing with enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation of their children, due to frequent relocations in the course of service to our country;

**WHEREAS**, currently, 11,617 children from military families attend Arizona K-12 schools;

**WHEREAS**, Arizona strives to be the most military friendly state in the country;

**WHEREAS**, Arizona, along with forty-three other states entered into the “Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children” (Compact) to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby establish the State Council on the Education for Military Children (Council) and order as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint all members. Membership shall include but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee
  - b. A superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children or designee
  - c. The commander, or their designee, from each of the following military installations:
    - i. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
    - ii. Fort Huachuca
    - iii. Luke Air Force Base
    - iv. US Army Yuma Proving Ground
    - v. Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
  - d. The Adjutant General or designee
  - e. A representative from the Legislative Branch
  - f. A representative from the Executive Branch
  - g. A teacher of a school with a high concentration of military children
  - h. The President of the Arizona Board of Regents or designee
  - i. A parent of a military family stationed in Arizona
2. The Governor shall select one member of the Council to serve as Chairperson.
3. The Council shall, pursuant to ARS 15-1911, provide for the coordination among agencies of local government, local education agencies and military installations concerning the state’s participation in, and compliance with, the Compact and the “Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children” activities.
4. The Council shall provide a forum for military families to discuss the unique issues that their children face in school.
5. The Council shall provide recommendations to the Governor on ways to assist military families and their children with the goal of easing their transitions during deployments and relocations.
6. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
7. The Chairperson may form an executive committee or other committees, as necessary.

8. The Council shall meet to conduct its affairs at least two times each year.
9. The status of the Council shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2016 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



*Janet N. Nunez*

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twelfth day of March in the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

**ATTEST:**

*Michelle Reagan*

**Secretary of State**