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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

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SUBJECT: 2013 Legislation: House Bill 7003

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The 2013 Florida Legislature passed House Bill 7003, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Governor Rick Scott signed the bill on April 10, 2013.

This legislation reauthorizes Florida's commitment to the compact that was originally passed in 2008 and would have been repealed if not reenacted. The bill has a provision automatically repealing the compact legislation (Sections 1000.36, 1000.37, 1000.38 and 1000.39, Florida Statutes) three years after the bill takes effect unless re-enacted by the legislature.

The compact governs member states in several areas, including school placement, enrollment, records transfer and graduation for children of active-duty military families. The compact created an Interstate Commission comprised of representatives of member states, which currently consists of 46 states.

Florida's state council for the compact will continue to meet quarterly and provide technical assistance in the implementation of the compact rules adopted by the Interstate Commission on November 16, 2012. The rules and additional technical assistance materials can be viewed on Florida's Department of Education website at <http://www.fldoe.org/military/>.

We appreciate your continued efforts in assuring smooth transitions and supports for our military-dependent students. If you have questions regarding the ongoing implementation of this legislation, please contact Curtis Jenkins, school counseling consultant, at Curtis.Jenkins@fldoe.org or 850-245-7851.

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