

Good Evening All

Please pass this on to your members that that they may take action. Some of them may or may not have received it. This is really important.

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## Legislative Update



### **Military Children in California Need Your Help!**

Your help is needed to ensure California supports our military children.

The state legislature has approved the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (AB343), but it will die unless Governor Schwarzenegger signs it.

This bill is essential to ensure that children changing schools between states because of military orders don't have their credits or graduation threatened because of state administrative differences (e.g., requirement to take a state history course, even though that was fulfilled in another state).

Informal feedback indicates that Governor Schwarzenegger may not sign the bill, based on speculation that it could have some financial impact for the state.

CA has a unique situation where a school district can charge the state for any costs of mandated action. Many school districts with large military populations have said they don't see the Compact as a mandate, but it's possible that a district could come back to the state for reimbursement.

California has more military children than any other state.

If you feel, as MOAA does, that military schoolchildren moving into and out of California shouldn't be left to fall through the administrative cracks, please contact the Governor and his legislative secretary and leave the following message:

**Please sign AB343, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The 61,000 school-aged military children in California don't deserve to have their educational opportunities limited because their parents are serving our country. 25 other states have already agreed to join the compact. Please send a message to the military in California that you care about their children's education. Please sign AB343 this week.**

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Paul Navarro, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Legislative Affairs Office, is advising the Governor on the bill.

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It's down to the wire - and this bill is on the edge. Your voice can help. Please call or fax today!

Thank you for helping military children moving to and from California.

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Good Morning The other day I received an UPDATE about Military children in California Schools. State Bill AB343.

I must have deleted it by mistake and would like very much to send it out to the USAWOA Chapters in California.

Is it possible to have it resent to me at [BaldeagleCW4@msn.com](mailto:BaldeagleCW4@msn.com).

Thank You

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