

Kansas OKs compact for military children

Staff Reports

TOPEKA - Gov. Kathleen Sebelius Thursday signed the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

The compact addresses common problems that affect military students as a result of frequent moves and deployments.

Sebelius credited State Rep. Sydney Carlin for the compact's success along with the support from State Rep. Barbara Craft and others.

States that sign on to the compact agree to work collectively with other compact states to create uniform standards of practice, including the transfer of records, course placement, graduation requirements, redundant or missed testing, entrance-age variations and other transition issues.

Kentucky has also signed, and 21 other states are considering doing so. The compact will only become reality if at least 10 states ratify the bill.

Maj. Gen. Robert Durbin, commander of the First Infantry Division and Fort Riley, said the bill fits with other Army community initiatives.

"We make a commitment to those who are with us and raised their hand to serve us and those who support our family members," he said. "We are a nation at war with an Army at war, so we're all here to support those who are serving. So I think it just rounds the circle."
