

Key issues for 2019:

- *Implementation of supportive licensure laws:* State legislatures can assist transitioning Service members and military spouses by requesting occupational boards report on their efforts to implement of recent law changes.
- *Licensing Compacts:* Enact laws approving compacts that further expedite licensure for separating Service members and military spouses: Physical Therapy License Compact, Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, Emergency Medical Services License Compact and the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact.
- *Military spouse teacher certification:* Accepting an existing standard certificate, establishing a temporary certificate, or expediting application and adjudication processes to alleviate the delays.
- *Advance Enrollment:* Allowing military families on orders to register their children in a school district prior to arriving.
- *Retain earned priority for receiving Medicaid home and community care waivers:* Service members enroll their exceptional family member in their state of legal residence to stabilize their request for support after separation.
- *In-State Tuition Continuation:* Allowing military family members to pay in-state tuition when accepted by a state school.
- *National Guard employment protections during state-sponsored activation:* Protect rights of members of the National Guard during state-sponsored mobilizations who drill outside of the state in which they are employed.
- *Increase protection under state Service members Civilian Relief Act:* Enact provisions to eliminate or reduce the penalties associated with termination of service on short notice due to assignment or mobilization.
- *Pro-bono legal representation for military families:* States can assist by organizing pro-bono programs that can connect qualified attorneys with Service members and their families in need.
- *State policy to support identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect:* Require child protective services to identify military families and report cases to the appropriate military authorities.

Other Previous Issues being worked in 2018:

- *Expand Unemployment Compensation for Trailing Military Spouses:* Recognize that, unlike the private sector, a move mandated by military orders is not 'voluntary' and therefore, the trailing spouse should qualify for unemployment compensation.
- *Facilitate military spouse transition through licensure portability:* Expedite licensing through endorsement, temporary licensure and streamlined processes.

*** Other Previous Issues being worked in 2019:**

- *Allow private sector employers to offer hiring preference to veterans:* States may establish laws or policies that protect private sector employers from discrimination claims when offering hiring preference to veterans.
- *Facilitate Service members receiving academic credit for military education, training and experience:* States can assist separating Service members to obtain academic credit by not having to repeat requirements completed while in the military.