

### **DEFENSE-STATE LIAISON OFFICE**

Working with state policymakers to support military families



MILITARY STATE POLICY SOURCE

### Who We Are

Defense-State Liaison Office regional liaisons work with state policymakers to make changes to help military families by:

- Delivering personalized support throughout the legislative process
- Offering insights into military life and knowledge of how different issues impact military families
- Applying their experience in policymaking processes and strategies to push legislation past hurdles
- Finding constituents to testify at committee hearings



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### What We Do

The Defense-State Liaison Office works with state policymakers to change laws and policies to improve military family well-being.

Since 2010, we've worked with state policymakers to enact more than 800 bills that make life better for the military community.





# Military Matters: 2022 Key Issues

The Defense-State Liaison Office works with Defense Department leaders and other stakeholders to choose 10 issues to focus on each year.

#### FOCUS:

Work with state policymakers to alleviate barriers as a result of military life

Harmonize differences between state and federal laws

See an overview of where your state stands on key issues for military families at statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil.





# 2022 Key Issues: Military Spouse Licensure

#### **Licensing Compacts**

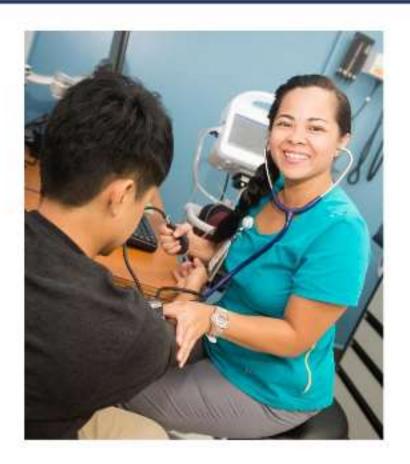
States can facilitate the ability of professionals, including military spouses, to work across state lines by enacting occupational licensure interstate compacts.

#### Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability

States can streamline state licensing processes for relocating military spouses by providing them with a license within 30 days with minimal initial paperwork.

#### Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access

States can reduce the obstacles spouses experience when applying under state laws by posting easily accessible website content specific to military spouses.





# 2022 Key Issues: Education

### Purple Star Schools Program

By establishing statewide Purple Star Schools programs, states can encourage local education agencies to implement practices that assist military children with transitions/deployments and also recognize military service and civic responsibility.

#### **Advance Enrollment**

States can help by waiving proof of residency requirements until the student arrives in the new state on military transfer orders.

### Open Enrollment Flexibility

States can provide military families with increased flexibility through access to district open enrollment policies.

### In-State Tuition Continuity

States can deem a dependent of a service member a resident despite changes in the service member's military status following acceptance at an institution of higher learning.



# 2022 Key Issues: Health & Human Services

#### Child Abuse Identification and Reporting

States can assist the Defense Department by requiring local jurisdictions to identify military families and develop reporting and information-sharing procedures between civilian child protective services and military child advocacy.

#### Concurrent Jurisdiction

States' juvenile courts can adjudicate juvenile offenses when concurrent jurisdiction is established between state and federal authorities over military installations.

### "Ask the Question" Campaign

State agencies can connect service members, veterans and their families with local, state and federal resources by asking the question, "Have you or a family member ever served in the military?" on all intake forms.



# 2023 Key Issues: The Way Ahead







# **DSLO: Ready to Support**

The Defense-State Liaison Office stands ready to help you make changes in these areas and others that matter to military families.

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Thank you for helping our military families.



