UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

2016 Issues Update

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DoD – State Liaison Function

• Mission is to:
  ▪ Alleviate barriers in state policy Service members and their families face as a result of military life
  ▪ Harmonize differences in state and federal laws impacting P&R policies

• Issues are reviewed annually to bring most significant to states

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- Facilitate military spouse transition through licensure portability
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= States that have implement some portion of the initiative
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= Improving existing statute supporting the initiative
= Opportunities to introduce the initiative within a state
Other Areas of Interest

• Military Spouse Teacher Certification
  ▪ Efforts to expedite licensure for military spouses largely did not impact statutes covering teacher certification
  ▪ Iowa Governor established a “military exchange license” by executive order:
    • Allows spouses to work using this temporary certification for up to three years
    • Simple verification process of educational credential and military status
    • Spouses can convert the temporary certification to a one-year provisional license if intending to stay in Iowa

• Analysis of implementation
  ▪ As part of our office’s due diligence – look at intended and unintended consequences
  ▪ Review:
    • Application of policy
    • Awareness of intended users of the policy
    • Any unresolved issues regarding the policy
Goal is to partner with states to help Service members and their families!