

Written Testimony

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Regarding HB 2069 Enacting the school psychologist licensure compact to provide interstate practice privileges for school psychologists.

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My name is Brittany Vigilius, and I am the President of the Kansas Association of School Psychologists (KASP). I am here to testify on the significant benefits of enacting the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists, which would grant interstate practice privileges to school psychologists.

As a practicing school psychologist within Derby Public Schools and a community member, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by military-connected students. Derby is situated just a few miles south of McConnell Air Force Base, home to 7,425 students, 14% of whom are military-connected. The proposed compact would address these challenges in several impactful ways.

Firstly, the compact would facilitate the employment of military spouses as school psychologists. Many military spouses possess the necessary qualifications but face barriers due to state-specific licensure requirements. By allowing them to practice across state lines, we can tap into a valuable pool of talent and experience.

Secondly, the compact would ensure that military-connected students have access to a school psychologist who understands their unique experiences and challenges. This connection can provide invaluable support, helping students navigate the complexities of military life and fostering a sense of belonging within the school community.

In conclusion, the Interstate Compact for School Psychologists is not just a policy change; it is a commitment to supporting our military-connected students and families. By enacting this compact, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students, particularly those connected to our military community. I urge you to consider the positive impacts this compact would have and support its enactment.