

Military Impacted Schools Association

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History of DoD Impact Aid Funding (A Quality of Life, Readiness & Retention Issue) March, 2015

DoD Impact Aid Funding for military children began in 1991. The funding was established as a quality of life program for military families and to help with the recruitment and retention in an all-volunteer service. In reality, it has become a readiness issue. Congress has funded this program to help school districts with high concentrations of military students.

Congress' commitment to military children is now more important than ever. Military children from the active and reserve forces are experiencing constant stress as their parents are deployed for long periods of time in active combat roles, increased conflicts throughout the world and terrorism activities.

School districts need this funding from the Department of Defense for military children to provide needed support for the military family. This funding includes funding for additional staffing and costly upgrades and security modifications. Just as our military personnel are committed to defending this nation, we must continue to be committed to their families by providing the necessary support to cope with the conflicts and have a safe environment in which to learn.

| Fiscal Year | Appropriations | Eligibility (Determining Percentage) | Number of Schools | Number of States receiving funding |
|-------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2008 | \$30m | 20% | 113 | 33 |
| 2009 | \$40m | 20% | 110 | 33 |
| 2010 | \$37m | 20% | 110 | 33 |
| 2011 | \$40m | 20% | 116 | 33 |
| 2012 | \$40m | 20% | 120 | 33 |
| 2013 | \$36.6m | 20% | 128 | 33 |
| 2014 | \$40m appropriated | 20% | 121 | 33 |
| 2015 | \$25m appropriated | | | |