## State to Join New Educational Compact <br> drawn into the fiscal pieture to an even larger extent. In. evitably, with the money comest the strings. In 1964 a noted American educator and critic of our educational policies at the elementary and secondary levels first proposed a na- tional educational association of state government officials. He ecclared that collective action by the states on edu- cational problems is neces. sary to curtail the increasing, invasion of educational af. fairs by the federal govern- ment. <br> | OSAL was quick | our first special session. Be- |
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| ly adopted by the Governor | se of pressure of |
| of one of the eastern states. | atters it could not be ac |
| Together with the educator, he soon presented it to the | upon until after the first meeting of the "Educational |
| ational Governors' Confer- | Commission of the States," as |
| ence. The idea was received | the operating or |
| with open arms, and in Sep- | the Compact is called. This |
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| ded by ali 50 states and | presentatives of each |
| was held |  |
| to draft what is now called | and |
| the Compact on Educ | nal men |
| Our Governor put the mat- |  |
| ter of California becoming |  |
|  |  | <br> sent to the meeting on a nonvoting basis. Our delegation, headed by the Assembly member, participated fully in the commission discussions. the commission discussions. It developed several recomIt developed several recom- mendations for changes in Compact provisions and com- mission policies, which were mission policies, which were adopted without opposition of adopted without opposition of any significance. The first of these recom. mendations is basic to the organization and continuous operation of the commission. and was deliberately drafted and was deliberately drafted to equalize the importance of <br> legislative membership in its work. The original language work. The original language of the Compact called for a of the Compact called for a Steering Committee of 30 steering Committee of 30 members, 10 of them Governors, to run the operations between annual meetings, between annual meetings, and did not specify the numand did not specify the num. ber of Legislator members. The Californis proposal The California proposal adopted increases this numadopted increases this num- ber to 32 , but equalizes the ber to 32 , but equalizes the number of Governors and Legislators at 88 each. <br> THE SECOND suggestion calls for the appointment of <br> pass on proposed studies. The third is that all state delegaz hird is that all state delega- tions be consulted by mail tions be consulted by mail before any study is started before any study is started. The bill to authorize Cali- fornia to join the Compact Cornia to join the Compact passed late in June, but set. a two-year renewable limit on membership. Our Assembly. members said the existence of the Compact should comm pel the federal government to seek advice from the com-, mission before proceeding: mission before proceeding with new federal education programs, a highly desirable $\underset{\text { groal. }}{ }$



