



# Interstate Compact for Juveniles



*“Strengthening the Juvenile Compact for the 21st century.”*



## **What is the Interstate Compact on Juveniles?**

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- Established in 1955
- Regulates interstate movement of juveniles under court supervision

Specifically, juveniles that have:

- Run away from home without consent of a parent or legal guardian;
- Placed on probation/parole and want to reside in another state;
- Absconded or escaped from an institution in another state;
- Require institutional care/specialized services in another state; or
- Pending hearing and runs away to another state.



## **What's wrong with the current compact?**

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- States do not maintain identical language
- Three different amendments exist
- Current rules are problematic for the juvenile justice system
- Lacks compliance, enforcement mechanisms; accountability
- Lacks timely and adequate exchange of information
- Lacks visibility in and among states



## **How does the new compact fix the problems?**

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- Establishes an independent compact operating authority
- Member states represented on a national governing commission
- Formal, recognized and flexible rule-making authority
- Significant compliance, enforcement and accountability measures
- State sanctions to support essential compact operations
- Funding mechanism to support essential compact operations
- Establish national data collection and sharing system
- Coordination with other interstate compacts, e.g. ICAOS and ICPC



## **New compact – Member state benefits**

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- National data sharing system
- Enhanced enforcement and compliance mechanisms
- Uniform compact language and rules
- National office and staff
- Effective governance structure
- State Councils
- Centralized national training
- Revised operations, including forms, procedures, etc.
- National interface with external stakeholders / national organizations
- Coordination with other interstate compacts (ICPC, ICAMA)



## **Compact Governance – State Councils**

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- Each state is required to develop a State Council, which will play a significant role in compact activities.
- Raises the visibility of compact issues to state policymakers;
- Provides diverse policy support and oversight to the compact; and
- Promotes ongoing inter-branch awareness of compact issues.



## **Compact Governance – *National Commissioner***

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- Each member state has one National Commissioner.
- National Commissioners serve as the designated representatives of their member state at all National Commission meetings and for all commission activities.
- The National Commissioner shall be the compact administrator, deputy compact administrator or designee from that state.
- Each compacting state retains the right to determine the qualifications of the compact administrator or deputy compact administrator.



## **Compact Governance - Finance**

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- The Commission will adopt an annual budget, approved by the member states. (*Estimated annual budget - \$1 million*)
- The Commission will adopt an assessment formula, to be based on state juvenile offender transactions, state population, etc.
- The Commission will adopt an annual dues assessment for member states. (*Estimated state dues - equitable scale from \$12,000 to \$37,000*)



## **Compact Governance – Offices & Staff**

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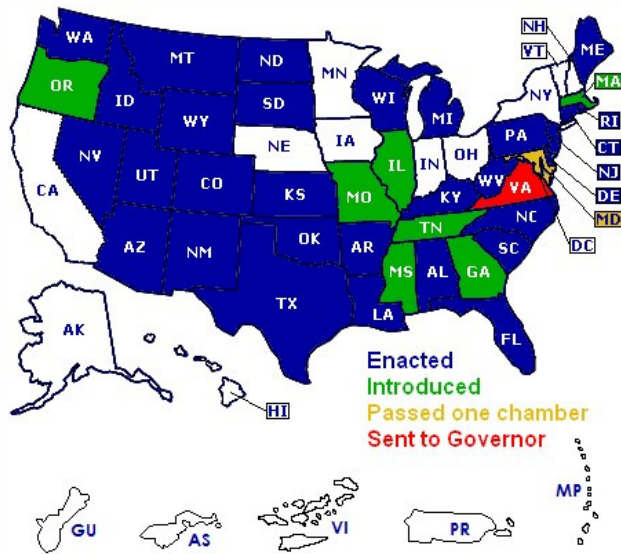
- The National Commission Offices and staff exist to support the Commission's activities and mission.
- The National Office serves the Commission by developing and providing resources for communication, organization and training.
  - ◆ Executive Director
  - ◆ Assistant Director
  - ◆ Logistics & Administration
  - ◆ Executive Assistant
  - ◆ MIS Project Manager



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## Where are we going?

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- Continued tracking and outreach; onsite support
- Transition (interim committees, leadership)
- 1st Commission meeting (after 35th state)
- Rules and bylaws development; committees
- Full-time staff
- Data system
- Normal operation



## **Pre-Commission Transition Activities**

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- State notification
- Transition advisory group
- Commissioner appointment
- Assist states with State Council development
- Year One - State dues
- Meeting planning
- Appoint Interim Chair
- Public notification
- Draft interim bylaws and rules adoption procedures
- Develop preliminary Commission structure, i.e. committees, officer roles, budgets, agreements, etc.



## Inaugural Commission Meeting

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- Approval of Interim Chair
- Adopt Commission Bylaws
- Adopt Committee Structure
- Select Committee membership
- Election of Officers & Regional Reps.
- Ratify interim budget
- Adopt Transition timeline and Workplan
- Adopt a dues formula and budget
- Adopt interim and transition rules
- Develop/adopt strategy for information gathering/sharing
- Other business



## Interim Transition Activities

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- Hire staff and establish office
- Assist states with State Council development
- Committee membership selection/finalization
- Committee meetings (weekly, monthly, quarterly)
- Draft Rules (amend Bylaws, if needed)
- Draft Training Curriculum
- Develop IT and information sharing plan
- Draft budget for next cycle
- Draft Compliance plan and actions
- Conduct Mid-year Committee meetings
- Conduct state promotion as needed



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Commission Meeting**

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- Adoption of Official Rules and Bylaws
- Adoption of Compliance procedures
- Adoption of Training plan (to be developed after Rules)
- Standing Committee reports
- Regional reports
- Appointment of Committee members
- Adoption of budget for next year



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## **Follow-up & Regular Operations**

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- Standing Committee meetings
- Training (Administrators, Deputy Administrators)
- Ongoing Compliance monitoring
- Implementation of Information Sharing system
- State-by-state visits and onsite assistance
- Staff expansion as needed
- Assist with ongoing State Council issues



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**Need help or more information?**

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