

**RESOLUTION OF THE
AMERICAN PROBATION AND PAROLE ASSOCIATION**

“Interstate Compact for Juveniles”

Whereas, The Interstate Compact on Juveniles was established in 1955 and is the primary compact addressing the needs of juveniles within the justice system who move between states and has not been sufficiently amended in its 47-year existence; and

Whereas, This compact is the only vehicle for the controlled movement of juveniles released from custody or on probation across state lines; and

Whereas, The complexities of the compact have become more difficult to administer, and many jurisdictions have expanded supervision expectations to include currently unregulated practices such as victim input, victim notification requirements and sex offender registration; and

Whereas, After national surveys and a detailed study by a task force appointed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the overwhelming recommendation has been to amend the document to bring about an effective management capacity that addresses public safety concerns, offender accountability and effective treatment needs.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the American Probation and Parole Association hereby endorses and recommends adoption of the amended and newly titled Interstate Compact for Juveniles by the 50 states and affected territories of the United States of America.

January 5, 2003

CSG GOVERNING BOARD/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION ON

THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES

WHEREAS, The Interstate Compact on Juveniles was established in 1955 and is the compact addressing the needs of juveniles within the juvenile justice system who move between states and has not been sufficiently amended in its forty-seven (47) year existence; and

WHEREAS, This compact is the only vehicle for the interstate supervision of juvenile offenders, the return of absconders and escapees, and runaways; and

WHEREAS, The complexities of the compact have become more difficult to administer, and many jurisdictions have expanded supervision and program expectations to include currently unregulated practices such as victim input and notification requirements, sex offender registration, and age related issues; and

WHEREAS, After exhaustive research and detailed study, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and The Council of State Governments convened an Advisory Group and Drafting Team to formulate recommendations and implement changes to the compact language to better address public safety, enforcement, accountability and communication concerns.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The Council of State Governments hereby endorses and recommends adoption of the new compact entitled, "Interstate Compact for Juveniles" by the fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and effected territories of the United States of America.

Adopted this 8th Day of December, 2002 at the
CSG Annual State Trends and Leadership Forum
In Richmond, Virginia

<p style="text-align: center;">Resolution of the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators</p>
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Be it therefore resolved, That the Association of Juvenile Compact Administrators hereby endorses and recommends adoption of the new compact entitled “Interstate Compact for Juveniles” by the fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, and affected territories of the United States of America.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2002.



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February 19 , 2003

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Dear Mr. Sprague:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National District Attorneys Association I want to offer our support for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Our Board unanimously voted to support your effort during our recent meeting in Texas.

As local prosecutors we have to work daily with juveniles that require the attention of our court system and we recognize the need for interstate supervision of juvenile offenders and for the return of those who have escaped, run away or fail to live up to release expectations.

We also recognize that the changes in the complexities of our society have made many of the provisions of the compact badly out dated. Ideas such as community corrections, sexual predator registrations and victims rights provisions all impact on the how states must relate to each other in dealing with criminal offenders and in this instance, juveniles.

The Board of Directors considered the importance of addressing consistent treatment of juveniles in need of both consequences and treatment. The proposed Compact language provides states with the means of accomplishing these goals.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Sprague:

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is pleased to support the proposed Interstate Compact Initiative for Juveniles. As an organization that provides services to runaway youth and their families, we are pleased that this enhanced initiative will ensure consistent use of those policies governing the Compact.

Although, primarily designed to assist those organizations working within the juvenile justice, and social service systems, the Compact will assist NCMEC in its work to bring children back home by providing law enforcement professionals with clear guidelines and procedures once a missing youth is recovered.

As you work to implement this initiative throughout the 50 states, please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of further assistance in this most important venture.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2003

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Dear Mr. Foster:

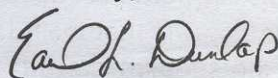
As one of participating entities, the National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA) has been actively involved in the review and update of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, originally established in 1955. The two-year effort to modernize the Compact has been thorough and comprehensive and has engaged the efforts of many practitioners from the juvenile justice field. The process addressed a multiplicity of issues regarding the Compact that have been identified as problematic or outdated in an effort to develop a document that meets the current needs of stakeholders in the signatory states.

The nation's detention centers deal with the Compact frequently as the entities responsible for housing juveniles found to be in violation of placement agreements or of state laws in the receiving states. The proposed modifications to the Compact should address many of the issues that have created problems for detention centers and will offer assistance to them in dealing with both sending and receiving states.

As the association serving juvenile detention nationally, NJDA supports the proposed changes to the Compact. The changes are designed to address the needs of the states, of the agencies within the states, and of the public in ensuring that placement agreements are complied with and community safety is ensured.

We are happy to offer assistance to you in your efforts to achieve adoption of the revised Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Sincerely,



Earl L. Dunlap, Executive Director
National Juvenile Detention Association

cc: file
Executive Committee