

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred House Bill No.
3 424 entitled “An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of
4 Children” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, repeal, by striking out “, subchapter 1”

7 Second: In Sec. 2, 33 V.S.A. chapter 59, subchapter 1, in the section
8 designation, by striking out “, subchapter 1” and, following section 5918, by
9 adding the following:

10 Subchapter 2. Provisions Relating to Interstate Compact for the
11 Placement of Children

12 § 5921. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

13 Financial responsibility for any child placed pursuant to the provisions of
14 the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children shall be determined in
15 accordance with the provisions of section 5907 of this title. However, in the
16 event of partial or complete default of performance thereunder, the provisions
17 of this title and Title 15 also may be invoked.

18 § 5922. AGENCY

19 This State’s “government child welfare agency or child protection agency,”
20 “public child placing agency,” and “central state compact office” is the
21 Department for Children and Families.

1 § 5923. AGREEMENTS

2 The officers and agencies of this State having authority to place children are
3 hereby empowered to enter into agreements with appropriate officers or
4 agencies of or in other party states pursuant to the Interstate Compact for the
5 Placement of Children. Any such agreement which contains a financial
6 commitment or imposes a financial obligation on this State or agency thereof
7 shall not be binding unless it has the approval in writing of the Secretary of the
8 Agency of Administration.

9 § 5924. PLACEMENT OF CHILD IN ANOTHER STATE

10 The officers and agencies of this State having authority to place a child in
11 the custody of the Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families
12 may place such a child in another state. However, unless parental rights have
13 been judicially terminated any such child being placed in another state
14 pursuant to this compact shall, upon request, be given a court hearing on notice
15 to the parent or guardian with opportunity to be heard prior to his or her being
16 sent to such other state for care and the court finds that:

17 (1) equivalent facilities for the child are not available in this State;

18 (2) care in the other state is in the best interest of the child and will not
19 produce undue hardship.

