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Act No. 101 (S.72). Human Services; child welfare

An act relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

This act replaces the existing Compact, adopted in 1971, and sets forth procedures for the placement, across state lines, for children who have been abused or neglected, adjudicated delinquent or unmanageable, or who are in the preliminary stages of adoption. The purpose of this act is to:

- (1) provide a process through which children subject to the Compact are placed in safe and suitable homes in a timely manner;
- (2) facilitate ongoing supervision of a placement, the delivery of services, and communication between the states;
- (3) provide operating procedures that will ensure that children are placed in safe and suitable homes in a timely manner;
- (4) provide for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of the Compact and regulating the covered activities of the member states;
- (5) provide for uniform data collection and information sharing between member states under the Compact;
- (6) promote coordination between the Compact, the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance, and other compacts affecting the placement of and that provide services to children otherwise subject to the Compact;
- (7) provide for a state's continuing legal jurisdiction and responsibility for placement and care of a child that it would have had if the placement were intrastate; and
- (8) provide for the promulgation of guidelines, in collaboration with Indian tribes, for interstate cases involving Indian children as is or may be permitted by federal law.

Effective Date: 18 months after the Compact is adopted into law by 35 states