

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 5133

As Passed Senate, March 11, 2003

Title: An act relating to the interstate compact for juveniles.

Brief Description: Adopting the revised interstate compact for juveniles.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carlson, Stevens, Hargrove, McCaslin, Kline, Sheahan, Kohl-Welles, Schmidt, McAuliffe, Oke, Rossi, Regala, Esser, Deccio, Swecker, Brandland, Parlette, Zarelli and Rasmussen).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Children & Family Services & Corrections: 2/7/03, 2/14/03 [DPS].
Passed Senate: 3/11/03, 47-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5133 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Stevens, Chair; Parlette, Vice Chair; Carlson, Deccio, Hargrove, McAuliffe and Regala.

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Background: The current Interstate Compact on Juveniles was adopted in 1955. It allows states to cooperate in the supervision of juvenile offenders residing in states other than the original state of adjudication, and for the return of juveniles who have run away or escaped across state lines.

Concerns have been raised that the existing compact is outdated, does not provide a mechanism for resolving disputes between states, does not take into consideration the growth of juvenile issues, and has become inconsistent due to various amendments by individual states.

Summary of Bill: Adopting the compact makes Washington a compacting state and a voting member of the Interstate Commission. The commission is charged with promulgating the rules used to govern the compacting states, as well as the rules used in the day-to-day operation of the compact. The compact also contains enabling language, clarifies limits on the impact of the compact on the state's ability to legislate regarding juveniles, and requires the Governor to select the compact administrator from a list provided by the Juvenile Court Administrators.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains several effective dates. Please refer to the bill.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.

House Amendment(s): The bill changes the requirement that the Governor appoint the compact administrator from a list of individuals provided by the Juvenile Court Administrators. Instead, the Governor must appoint an administrator from a list of six individuals, with three names provided by the Juvenile Court Administrators and three names provided by the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration.