

HB 954 -- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children

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This bill revises the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children and changes the laws regarding the placement of children. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Establishes a process and the operating procedures to place children subject to the compact in safe and suitable homes in a timely manner;
- (2) Facilitates ongoing supervision of a placement, delivery of services, and communication between the states;
- (3) Authorizes the Interstate Commission for the Placement of Children to implement the provisions of the compact and to regulate the specified activities of the member states;
- (4) Provides for uniform data collection and information sharing between member states;
- (5) Promotes 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 services to children otherwise subject to this compact;
- (6) Provides for a state's continuing legal jurisdiction and responsibility for the placement and care of a child that it would have had if the placement was intrastate;
- (7) Provides guidelines, in collaboration with Indian tribes, for interstate cases involving Indian children;
- (8) Requires that a family support team meeting or juvenile court proceeding regarding the termination of parental rights be closed if a parent has terminated, in writing, his or her parental rights regarding a placement in a licensed child placing agency; and
- (9) Allows a licensed child placing agency to file a petition for the transfer of custody.