

HB 1626 -- INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES

SPONSOR: Stevenson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill revises the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. The compact is an existing agreement between the states regarding the supervision and transfer of juvenile delinquents who have escaped from supervision to another state. Adoption of the compact makes Missouri a member of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and requires the state to select a compact administrator to manage the state's transfer of those juveniles subject to the compact. The compact establishes the powers and duties of the interstate commission and specifies the bylaws, corporate structure, rule-making authority, financing mechanism, process for dispute resolution, and enforcement provisions.

The compact becomes effective July 1, 2004, or upon legislative enactment of the compact into law by no less than 35 states, whichever occurs later.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 in FY 2005, an income of \$0 to a cost of \$17,000 in FY 2006, and an income of \$0 to a cost of \$17,000 in FY 2007. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will replace the current compact, which is almost 50 years old and antiquated. Sixteen states have already enacted the new compact. The first 35 states adopting the compact will have a role in developing the rules necessary to administer and enforce the compact, so Missouri has an incentive to adopt the compact this year.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Stevenson; and Division of Youth Services.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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