

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 497

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF DELINQUENT
YOUTH UNDER THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF
DELINQUENT YOUTH UNDER THE INTERSTATE
COMPACT FOR JUVENILES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 29, Subchapter 4, is amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

9-29-402. Definitions - Administrative support.

(a) As used in this subchapter, the term "compact administrator" defined under § 9-29-401 means the Director of the Division of Youth Services as it relates to this state.

(b) The Division of Youth Services shall provide administrative support to the Arkansas State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision and the compact administrator.

(c) The division may promulgate rules to implement this subchapter.

9-29-403. Custody and placement of runaway juveniles.

(a) A law enforcement agency and the Division of Children and Family Services shall:

(1) Notify the compact administrator or the compact administrator's designee of when the law enforcement agency or the Division



of Children and Family Services has physical custody of a juvenile believed to be a runaway from another state as provided in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles; and

(2) Provide the compact administrator or the compact administrator's designee with information about the juvenile, to include without limitation the juvenile's:

(A) Name;

(B) Delinquency status or history;

(C) Home address in the state of origin; and

(D) Willingness to return home without further proceedings as provided in the compact.

(b)(1) When a law enforcement agency or Division of Children and Family Services has physical custody of a runaway juvenile under subsection (a) of this section, the compact administrator or the compact administrator's designee shall assist the law enforcement agency or Division of Children and Family Services in finding appropriate placement for the juvenile while the juvenile's return to his or her home state is processed.

(2) The cost of finding an appropriate placement for a juvenile runaway under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, including intrastate transportation costs that are not covered by the juvenile's legal custodian or home state, shall be the responsibility of the following agencies:

(A) For a juvenile charged with a delinquent or criminal offense, the county in which the charge is pending; and

(B) For a juvenile who is not charged with a delinquent or criminal offense, the Division of Youth Services.

(3) The Division of Youth Services may pay interstate transportation costs for a juvenile runaway if those costs are not covered by the juvenile's legal custodian.

(c) The Division of Children and Family Services is not responsible for the placement or transportation of a juvenile runaway under this section.

/s/Irvin