

## **AB518 Adoption of Revised Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Assembly HHS Committee Bill**

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AB518 proposes that Nevada adopt the Revised Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), replacing the outdated framework established in the 1950s. The ICPC governs how children are legally placed across state lines for foster care, adoption, and with non-custodial parents.

### **The Need for Reform**

The original ICPC has served its purpose for decades but now causes significant delays and inconsistencies:

- No deadlines for completing placements
- Unclear standards for evaluating homes
- No appeal process for denied placements
- Courts barred from reviewing agency decisions

These issues delay permanent placements and can keep children in temporary care unnecessarily.

### **The Revised ICPC**

The Revised ICPC, developed in 2006 by the Association of Administrators of the ICPC (AAICPC), offers a timely and enforceable solution:

- Clarifies rules for placement with non-custodial parents
- Creates an appeals process for denied placements
- Speeds up home study timelines
- Improves inter-state communication and accountability
- Allows regulatory updates without new legislation

### **Consequences of Non-Adoption**

States that do not adopt the revised compact will not be able to fully engage with states that do. This will result in:

- Legal and procedural incompatibility
- Increased delays for inter-state placements
- More children in limbo, waiting for permanent homes

### **AB518 Key Provisions**

- Adopts the Revised ICPC framework
- Establishes a new central compact office with executive oversight
- Aligns Nevada's placement procedures with national standards
- **Takes effect once 35 states ratify the Revised ICPC (18 have as of May 2024)**

Adopting the revised ICPC is a proactive step to protect children, reduce placement delays, and ensure consistent legal procedures across states. AB518 will align Nevada with a national standard to modernize child welfare.

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