



Interstate Commission for Juveniles

Memorandum

To: Members of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles
From: Jacey Rader, Commission Chairperson
Re: New Rule 2-108 and Emergency Suspension of Enforcement
Date: April 23, 2020

During the national emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles has become more important and more complex than ever before. The Commission has taken several steps to support member states as they continue ensuring effective interstate supervision of juveniles and safe returns of runaways and others. This memorandum records actions taken to by the Commission and the Executive Committee on April 23, 2020.

Due to the prolonged nature of the COVID-19 crisis, a Special Meeting of the Commission was convened on April 23, 2020, for the purpose of Emergency Rule Promulgation. By a majority vote, the Commission adopted new Rule 2-108 Emergency Suspension of Enforcement and authorized the Executive Committee to take action immediately to implement the new rule.

While requiring states to continue performing all duties required by the Compact to the greatest extent possible, new Rule 2-108 provides a procedure for suspension of enforcement of ICJ Rules or parts thereof. Rule 2-108 bolsters the Commission's ability to respond to the current crisis and others that may arise in the future.

Immediately following the full Commission Meeting, the Executive Committee voted to suspend enforcement of ICJ rules in Sections 400, 500, 600, 700, and 800, including but not limited to provisions regarding timelines. This suspension took effect immediately and will remain active until 30 days after the end of the emergency, unless preemptive action is taken by the Executive Committee.

As conditions change, essential information will be communicated through the National Office and the Commission's website. As always, the Commission will continue to work through effective collaborations to promote community safety and juvenile accountability.

Through all of the changes and challenges we have encountered, I have been amazed by the exemplary teamwork and collaboration of member states. The dedication of all member states to ensure the safety of juveniles, families, victims and the community during this unprecedented time has been truly remarkable. Please know the Executive

Committee, the National Office, and I are always available to offer support and to provide resources. We very much appreciate your dedication and perseverance.