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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Children, Youth and Families, to **Retroactively** pay the Interstate Commission for Juveniles (VC# 227637), Lexington, KY in the amount of \$12,000 for annual membership dues, effective retroactive to July 1, 2020, upon Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 23.85% Federal Funds. 76.15% General Funds.

05-95-42-421410-7905 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES, JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES

State Fiscal Year	Class / Account	Activity Code	Class Title	Total Amount
2021	026-500251	42140519	Memberships	\$12,000
			Total	\$12,000

EXPLANATION

This request is **Retroactive** because the request was not processed timely due to turnover in staff. Approval of this request will enable the State to connect with other states to facilitate the interstate placement and supervision of juveniles on probation or parole, or who have run away from one state to another. The Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ) collects standardized data concerning the interstate movement of juveniles as directed through its rules and technology systems. Additionally, the ICJ provides for binding dispute resolution between compacting states; oversees, supervises and coordinates the movement of juveniles; and enforces compliance with compact provisions.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions.

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

The ICJ has been in existence since 1957 and is bound by RSA 169-A:1 to direct a compact on behalf of the State for juveniles who: (1) are not under proper supervision and control, or who have absconded, escaped, or runaway and are likely to endanger their own health, morals and welfare, and the health, morals, and welfare of others; and 2) require the cooperation of the

State with other states to provide for their welfare and protection. The State, through the interstate compact, cooperates fully with other states in the return of juveniles, accepting the juvenile if apprehended in another state as well as initiating actions for the return of juveniles. The Division for Children, Youth and Families has been a member since 2011.

2. Is there any other organization that provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?

No.

3. How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

All fifty (50) states, as well as the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands, and Guam, are members of the ICJ. The Division for Children, Youth and Families is the only member of the ICJ in New Hampshire.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc)

The dues collected by the Commission are determined by a formula that calculates the annual assessments to be paid by the state. The ICJ considers the population of the state and the volume of the juvenile transfers between states in determining and adjusting the assessment formula. The formula is determined by comparing the population of the state against the population of the United States, as well as the number of juveniles sent from and received by the state against the total number of offenders sent from and received by all states.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

The State will be able to continue to access the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents, and status offenders who are: (1) on probation or parole and who have absconded, escaped or runaway and in doing so have endangered their own safety and the safety of others, or (2) in need of supervision in another state due to their residing in another state or relocating to another state. The State will also benefit by participating in a reciprocity relationship with other states in which sending states notify receiving states of travel of certain high risk offenders within the receiving state.

6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

All training and educational research materials are included in the membership, as well as national data collection archives.

7. Is the membership required in order to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

No.

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.

Travel for the State ICJ Commissioner or their designee is included in the membership fee for the purpose of attending the annual business meeting. This meeting convenes in a host state for several days and consists of educational opportunities and meetings in which ICJ rules are discussed and modified as needed.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if

they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)

There are multiple employees that have user accounts and use the data provided through this membership on an ongoing basis. The ICJ Commissioner, Compact Administrator, and the Deputy Compact Administrator are members of the ICJ. Only the Commissioner or their designee is able to vote or provide feedback on rules that govern the compact. The Deputy Compact Administrator is also involved in various committees established by the Compact throughout the year. These committees look at practice with a focus on improving rules and ensuring that states remain in compliance.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

Should the Governor and Council not authorize this request, the Division for Children, Youth and Families will no longer be able to access the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents and status offenders who have run away or absconded. If the State were to withdraw from the Compact, it would lose the cooperation of other states in supervising youth who are on probation or parole in New Hampshire but residing or visiting another state. The State would also lose the cooperation of other states in retrieving youth who have run away or absconded to another state.

Respectfully submitted,



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INVOICE
April 30, 2020

TO:	FOR:
Commissioner Caitlyn Bickford Division for Children, Youth, and Family 129 Pleasant Street Concord, New Hampshire 03301	FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL DUES ASSESSMENT

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual Dues Assessment: Interstate Commission for Juveniles FY 2021	\$12,000.00
TOTAL	\$12,000.00

Payment is due: July 31, 2020

- **Make checks payable to:** Interstate Commission for Juveniles
- **Mailing address:** 836 Euclid Avenue, Suite 322, Lexington KY 40502
- **Federal ID Number:** 30-0541224

NOTICE

Effective December 1, 2016, the Interstate Commission for Juveniles is no longer an affiliate of the Council of State Governments. Should your state require additional forms to process payment, please forward for completion to the ICJ National Office - icjadmin@juvenilecompact.org.

Thank You for Your Continued Support