



Department of
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Interstate Compact**

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I am pleased to announce the passage of Senate Bill 122, Interstate Compact for Juveniles, signed into law yesterday by Governor John Kasich. Ohio is now the 49th state/jurisdiction to join the Interstate Commission on Juveniles (ICJ) in an effort to ensure continuity of aftercare for youth still under the court's jurisdiction, but who have moved to another state. The ICJ was developed in 1955 and revised in 2008 to promote, develop and facilitate a uniform standard that provides for the welfare and protection of juveniles, victims and the public. States within the ICJ can provide services such as parole and probation supervision to youth from other states as well as return runaways, escapees, absconders and youth who have fled to avoid prosecution.

The Bill was passed with a unanimous vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Legislative Liaison Cedric Collins and Interstate Compact Coordinator Robyn Peterson are to be commended for their determination and effort to see this Bill through to passage.

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