

**CHAPTER NO. 282**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1954**

**By Crutchfield, McLeary**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2050**

**By McMillan, John DeBerry, Shaw**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to the interstate juvenile compact.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

37-4-\_\_\_\_. The Governor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the following amendment to the interstate compact on juveniles in the form substantially as follows:

Article XVII. This article shall provide additional remedies, and shall be binding only as among and between those party states which specifically execute the same.

(a) For the purposes of this article, 'child', as used herein, means any minor within the jurisdictional age limits of any court in the home state.

(b) When any child is brought before a court of a state of which such child is not a resident and such state is willing to permit such child's return to the home state of such child. Such home state, upon being so advised by the state in which such proceeding is pending, shall immediately institute proceedings to determine the residence and jurisdictional facts as to such child in such home state, and upon finding that such child is in fact a resident of said state and subject to the jurisdiction of the court thereof shall within five days authorize the return of such child to the home state, and to the parent or custodial agency legally authorized to accept such custody in such home state, and at the expense of such home state, to be paid from such funds as such home state may procure, designate, or provide, prompt action being of the essence.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 21, 2003

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2003

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR