

(A) THE CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE COUNTIES AND THE APPROPRIATE COURTS OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL MAINTAIN A REGISTRY IN WHICH HE SHALL ENTER THE FOLLOWING:

(1) CERTIFIED COPIES OF CUSTODY DECREES OF OTHER STATES RECEIVED FOR FILING;

(2) COMMUNICATIONS AS TO THE PENDENCY OF CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS IN OTHER STATES;

(3) COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING A FINDING OF INCONVENIENT FORUM BY A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE; AND

(4) OTHER COMMUNICATIONS OR DOCUMENTS CONCERNING CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS IN ANOTHER STATE WHICH MAY AFFECT THE JURISDICTION OF A COURT OF THIS STATE OR THE DISPOSITION TO BE MADE BY IT IN A CUSTODY PROCEEDING.

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THE CLERK OF THE COURT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE COURT OF ANOTHER STATE OR AT THE REQUEST OF ANY PERSON WHO IS AFFECTED BY OR HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN A CUSTODY DECREE, SHALL CERTIFY AND FORWARD A COPY OF THE DECREE TO THAT COURT OR PERSON.

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IN ADDITION TO OTHER PROCEDURAL DEVICES AVAILABLE TO A PARTY, ANY PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING OR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHILD MAY ADDUCE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES, INCLUDING PARTIES AND THE CHILD, BY DEPOSITION OR OTHERWISE, IN ANOTHER STATE. THE COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION MAY DIRECT THAT THE TESTIMONY OF A PERSON BE TAKEN IN ANOTHER STATE AND MAY PRESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH AND THE TERMS UPON WHICH THE TESTIMONY SHALL BE TAKEN.

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(A) A COURT OF THIS STATE MAY REQUEST THE APPROPRIATE COURT OF ANOTHER STATE TO HOLD A HEARING TO ADDUCE EVIDENCE, TO ORDER A PARTY TO PRODUCE OR GIVE EVIDENCE UNDER OTHER PROCEDURES OF THAT STATE, OR TO HAVE SOCIAL STUDIES MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD INVOLVED IN PROCEEDINGS PENDING IN THE COURT OF THIS STATE; AND TO FORWARD TO THE COURT OF THIS STATE CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD OF THE HEARING, THE EVIDENCE OTHERWISE ADDUCED, OR ANY SOCIAL STUDIES PREPARED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUEST. THE COST OF THE SERVICES MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE PARTIES, OR, IF NECESSARY, ORDERED PAID BY THE STATE.