

rather than to distinguish natural parents from adoptive parents. ET § 1-207 provides that an adopted child is treated as a natural child of the adopting parent. In § 5-520(b) and (c) of this subtitle, the distinction between natural parents and adoptive parents is retained because the statute deals specifically with the relationship between natural and adoptive parents and with their distinct rights. In § 5-529 of this subtitle, the reference to a "natural parent" is retained because the General Assembly did not delete the word "natural" in the revision of a companion provision in HC § 6-131 when that limitation was brought to the General Assembly's attention. This revision is called to the attention of the General Assembly.

Also throughout this subtitle, there are various provisions that inconsistently refer to a child's "parent" in some instances and to a child's "parent or guardian" in others. These discrepancies are retained, but the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code recommends that the General Assembly review them to determine whether these variations are appropriate.

SUBTITLE 6. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN.

5-601. COMPACT ENTERED INTO; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IS HEREBY ENTERED INTO BY THIS STATE WITH ALL STATES LEGALLY JOINING IN THE COMPACT IN THE FORM SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CHILD PLACED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN SHALL BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 5-606 OF THIS SUBTITLE. HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT OF PARTIAL OR COMPLETE DEFAULT OF PERFORMANCE THEREUNDER, THE PROVISIONS OF STATE LAWS FIXING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN ALSO MAY BE INVOKED.

(B) "APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES" DEFINED.

THE "APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES" AS USED IN § 5-604 OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN SHALL, WITH REFERENCE TO THIS STATE, MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. THIS DEPARTMENT SHALL RECEIVE AND ACT WITH REFERENCE TO NOTICES REQUIRED BY § 5-604 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN THE RECEIVING STATE" DEFINED.

AS USED IN § 5-606(A) OF THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN, THE PHRASE "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IN THE RECEIVING STATE" WITH REFERENCE TO THIS STATE SHALL MEAN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(D) AGREEMENTS.