

Human Resources is substituted for the former, obsolete reference to "the Department of Employment and Social Services".

Subsection (i) of this section is new language added to avoid possible confusion over the applicability of the definitions appearing in § 1-101 of this article. The Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children contains its own definitions, which are supplemented by the definitions in this section.

No other changes are made.

As to the general policy of the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code concerning changes in interstate compacts, see the General Revisor's Note to this subtitle.

Because this section is not part of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, the Commission has determined that the definitions in § 5-603 of this subtitle do not apply to this section.

5-602. PURPOSE AND POLICY.

IT IS THE PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE PARTY STATES TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER IN THE INTERSTATE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN TO THE END THAT:

(1) EACH CHILD REQUIRING PLACEMENT SHALL RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO BE PLACED IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT AND WITH PERSONS OR INSTITUTIONS HAVING APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS AND FACILITIES TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE DECREE AND TYPE OF CARE.

(2) THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN A STATE WHERE A CHILD IS TO BE PLACED MAY HAVE FULL OPPORTUNITY TO ASCERTAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROPOSED PLACEMENT, THEREBY PROMOTING FULL COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHILD.

(3) THE PROPER AUTHORITIES OF THE STATE FROM WHICH THE PLACEMENT IS MADE MAY OBTAIN THE MOST COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE BASIS OF WHICH TO EVALUATE A PROJECTED PLACEMENT BEFORE IT IS MADE.

(4) APPROPRIATE JURISDICTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN WILL BE PROMOTED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 16, § 209.

The designations of paragraphs are changed to conform to the designations used throughout this article.