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Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

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St. Paul, MN 55155

Senator Ron Latz, DFL Lead
2215 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy Division Committee

Representative Carlos Mariani, Chair
479 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Representative, Brian Johnson, Republican Lead
243 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155

RE: Annual Submission of Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision Report, as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 243.1606, Subd. 3

Dear Legislators:

Minnesota Statute, section 243.1606, subd. 3 requires that by March 1 of every year, the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision submit its annual report on the commission activities reviewing the preceding year, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative policy and budget committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed rule.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Safia Khan, Director, Government and Partner Relations Unit, at 651-361-7219.

Sincerely,


Paul Schnell, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Corrections

Enclosure

c: Safia Khan

Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision
And
Interstate Compact for Juveniles

2020 Report to the Legislature



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This information will be provided in alternative format upon request.

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BACKGROUND

In March 2002, Minnesota passed statutes [§243.1605](#), [243.1606](#) and [243.1607](#) regarding the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS). Minnesota statute [§243.1606](#) established an Advisory Council on the ICAOS in Minnesota. This statute also directs the Advisory Council to report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy by March 1 each year on its activities, along with providing a copy of the ICAOS annual report which includes the activities of the interstate commission and executive committee.

In May 2010, Minnesota passed statute [§260.515](#) regarding the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) and also established an Advisory Council. In Minnesota, the two Advisory Councils are combined and act as one council.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE ICAOS IN MINNESOTA

Per M.S. §243.1606, the Advisory Council shall consist of the following individuals or their designee: the governor; the chief justice of the supreme court; two senators, one from the majority and the other from the minority party, selected by the Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and Administration; two representatives, one from the majority and the other from the minority party, selected by the house speaker; the compact administrator, selected as provided in §243.1607; the executive director of the Center for Crime Victim Services; and additional members as appointed by the commissioner of corrections.

Per M.S. 260.515, the Advisory Council shall consist of the same members with the exception of the executive director of the Center for Crime Victim Services and with the addition of the executive director of the Office of Justice Programs or designee.

The 2020 membership included:

- ✓ Steve King, Chair, Mower County Court Services Director, representing county probation officers
- ✓ Suzanne Elwell, Vice-Chair, Victim's Representative;
- ✓ Honorable Richard Kyle, Minnesota Court of Appeals;
- ✓ Allen Godfrey, Interstate Commissioner, Department of Corrections (DOC);
- ✓ Mike McGuire, Office of Governor Tim Walz;
- ✓ Kelly Kemp, Office of the Attorney General;
- ✓ Honorable Marion O'Neill, State Representative;
- ✓ Honorable Warren Limmer, Minnesota State Senate;
- ✓ Honorable Bobby Joe Champion, Minnesota State Senate;
- ✓ Honorable Dan Hall, Minnesota State Senate
- ✓ Honorable Raymond Dehn, State Representative;
- ✓ Honorable Brad Tabke, State Representative;
- ✓ William Ward, State Public Defender, representing public defenders;
- ✓ Mr. William Hutton, representing the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- ✓ Renee Brown-Goodell, community representative;
- ✓ Nicole Kern, representing Community Corrections Act Counties.
- ✓ Callie Hargett, Victim's Representative
- ✓ Shane Baker, Minnesota County Attorney's Association

Advisory Council staff from the DOC included:

- ✓ Safia Khan, Office of Government and External Relations
- ✓ Paul Schnell, Commissioner of Minnesota Department of Corrections
- ✓ Rebecca Holmes-Larson, Executive Officer of Hearings and Release with Minnesota Department of Corrections
- ✓ Curtis Shanklin, Deputy Commissioner – Field Services – Minnesota Department of Corrections

The Deputy Compact Administrator for the Minnesota Department of Corrections:

- Tracy Hudrlik.

The Advisory Council first met on August 21, 2002, and continues to meet on a semi-annual basis or as needed.

The Advisory Council met on October 26, 2020.

The primary focus of the Advisory Council in 2020 was the review of emergency rules, changes in process and procedures, and issues related to COVID 19. Those issues included, but were not limited to, virtual sentencings, applications requiring witness signature, issuance of warrants and transportation of clients, restrictions and training changes.

The Advisory Council was advised that a new electronic system was going to replace the current Juvenile Interstate Data System and that a new victim service was released on the adult national website.

ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS

The ICAOS National Commission is comprised of one voting member from each state party to the compact. The role of the National Commission is to exercise day-to-day oversight of the compact between states. It promulgates rules to achieve the goals of the compact and ensures an opportunity for input and timely notice to victims and jurisdictions where defined individuals on supervision are authorized to relocate across state lines. The Commission established a system of uniform data collection (ICOTS), which provides access to information on active cases by authorized criminal justice officials. It coordinates regular reporting of compact activities to heads of state advisory councils, state executive/judicial/legislative branches, and criminal justice administrators. The Commission also monitors compliance with rules governing interstate movement of individuals on supervision, initiates interventions to address and correct noncompliance, and coordinates training and education regarding regulations of interstate movement of individuals on supervision for officials involved in such activity.

The National Commission is required to submit an annual report on the activities of the Commission. The current annual report (FY 2020), as well as past reports and newsletters regarding the National Commission's activities, can be found on the ICAOS site: interstatecompact.org.

MOVEMENT AS REPORTED IN ICOTS:

| | Probation | Parole | Both |
|--|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Number of individuals under supervision in Minnesota from other states on June 30, 2020 | 1480 | 412 | 38 |

Number of Minnesota individuals under supervision in other states on June 30, 2020

2634 409 0

Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) is the law that regulates the interstate movement of juveniles who are under court supervision or need to be returned to their home states as runaways, escapees, absconders, or juvenile delinquents. The ICJ is a contract that has been adopted as law throughout the United States. Therefore, all state and local officials are legally bound to honor and enforce the terms of the Compact and the ICJ Rules. Interstate Commission for Juveniles is the governing body of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). Commission members include representatives from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands, who work together to preserve child welfare and promote public safety. The Commission is responsible for promulgating and enforcing rules to implement the ICJ.

Juveniles from MN Returned (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020):

Runaway 20
Escapee 0
Absconder 13
Accused Delinquent 15

From other State Returned (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020):

Runaway 6
Escapee 0
Absconder 16
Accused Delinquent 9

SUMMARY

The Advisory Council has been in place for 18 years and continues to meet as needed to address issues that arise regarding the ICAOS as well as ICJ since adoption. The Advisory Council has an active membership, with well attended meetings.