

# Interstate Compact for Juveniles

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When a juvenile runs from North Carolina to another state or to North Carolina from another state, or when a juvenile is adjudicated delinquent in one state and needs to be supervised in another state, interstate procedures apply to facilitate coordination between the two states.

In the N.C. Juvenile Code, those procedures were set out in Article 28, the Interstate Compact on Juveniles, for many years. A new compact, the **Interstate Compact for Juveniles**, is set out in Article 40 of the Juvenile Code. That compact governs North Carolina's interactions with all states except Georgia in matters covered by the compact. (As of this writing, Georgia has not adopted the new compact, and relations with Georgia continue to be governed by Article 28 of the Juvenile Code, the original compact.)

Article 40, unlike the earlier compact, does not provide specific procedures or guidance for dealing with interstate matters involving juveniles. Instead, it addresses purposes, definitions, and the organization and role of an Interstate Commission for Juveniles. That commission is charged with promulgating the rules to which states look for procedures and guidance in juvenile matters involving more than one state. So, the Juvenile Code no longer informs court counselors, attorneys, judges, or others about what should occur when a juvenile runs to or from North Carolina or needs supervision in a state other than the one in which the juvenile was adjudicated. This email is intended to provide access to resources for dealing with interstate juvenile matters under the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

1. **Bench Book.** A 2011 **Bench Book for Judges & Court Personnel**, provided by the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, can be accessed at the link below. Because it is quite lengthy, you might review or print the Table of Contents, beginning on page 2 (of 214 pages), to determine which parts are likely to be most useful to you.

<http://www.juvenilecompact.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=hP5YtZN5GWU%3D&tabid=647>

*At the links mentioned below, you may be asked to create an account. That it simple to do and you can ask the site to "remember" you so that you do not have to sign in each time.*

2. **Rules.** The Rules issued by the Interstate Commission for Juveniles can be found at <http://www.juvenilecompact.org/Legal/RulesStepbyStep.aspx>. The Rules are also included in the Bench Book described above, beginning at page 133 (of 214).
3. **Forms.** The Interstate Commission for Juveniles prescribes forms for use in interstate matters. These can be found at <http://www.juvenilecompact.org/Forms/BFONTCOLORFF9900FormsFONTB.aspx>
4. **Other information.** The home page of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles is <http://www.juvenilecompact.org/About.aspx>. From there, you can link to "About" "Events" "Forms" "Directory" "Training" "Legal" "Resources" "Tools".



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