

*Mississippi
Executive Department
Jackson*

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTION OF THE
INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN

I, CLIFF FINCH, Governor of the State of Mississippi, declare that the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children is in full force and effect with respect to the State of Mississippi, and hereby execute the same as authorized by Chapter 428, Mississippi Laws of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson this 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Cliff Finch
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Dear Mr. Lindberg:

Earlier this year Mississippi enacted the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. However, its legislation (Chapter 428, Mississippi Laws of 1976) was somewhat different from the enabling acts in most of the Compact states. Instead of merely enacting the Compact, the Mississippi law authorized the Governor to execute the Compact. Thus, while it was clear that the Mississippi Legislature desired the state to join, it left a technical step for completion after enactment.

Governor Finch of Mississippi has now furnished the Secretariat with an execution statement which completes Mississippi's favorable action on the Compact. We enclose two of these execution documents for your state. In view of the form of the Mississippi law, these are important and you should take care to make proper use of them in accordance with the procedure suggested in this letter.

One of the Mississippi execution documents should be kept permanently on file by your Department with its other working documents relating to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. Since neither your own staff nor anyone else in your state can tell whether Mississippi is in the Compact merely from looking at the statutes of that state, it is important that you have legally sufficient evidence that Mississippi is actually a party. The Governor's execution document is a vital part of that evidence.

The other enclosed Mississippi execution should be filed as a public record with your Secretary of State. This will serve a similar and equally necessary purpose as your retention of one of the execution documents. If any private person wishes to have legally sufficient evidence that the Governor of Mississippi has acted to complete Mississippi participation in the Compact and that placements between your state and Mississippi must

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be in accordance with the Compact, the availability of the execution document as a public record of your state will satisfy that purpose. Otherwise, someone could argue that he has insufficient notice of the Mississippi law to make it binding on him, or even that there is doubt as to the status of Mississippi.

If you have any questions with respect to this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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