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OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES  
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August 13, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

Retroactive

25% Fed / 75% Gen

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) to **retroactively** pay a membership fee to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles, Lexington, KY (Vendor #177712) in the amount of \$12,000.00 for an annual membership in Interstate Commission for Juveniles, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, to access the Center for State Foster Care and Adoption Data service.

Funds to support this request are anticipated to be available in the following account in State Fiscal Year 2016 upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds in the future operating budget.

**05-95-42-421410-7905 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SVCS DEPT OF, HHS: HUMAN SERVICES, JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES, JUVENILE FIELD SERVICES**

Fiscal Year	Class/Object	Title	Activity Code	Amount
2016	026-500251	Organizational Dues	42140519	\$12,000.00

**EXPLANATION**

The above action is requested to **retroactively** renew the Division's membership in the Association of Administrators of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. The request is made retroactively because the letter with the invoice was sent to the Sununu Youth Services Center in Manchester rather than to the Director of DCYF in Concord. The original letter and invoice were misplaced, and a follow up request was received early this month.

The purpose of this Commission is to: connect all states to facilitate the interstate placement of juveniles. The Commission collects standardized data concerning the interstate movement of juveniles as directed through its rules and technology systems. Additionally the commission provides for binding dispute resolution between compacting states, oversees, supervises and coordinates the movement of juveniles and enforces compliance with compact provisions. Listed below are the answers to standard questions required for Governor and Executive Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?

A: The ICJ has been in existence since 1957 and is bound by statute 169-A:1 to direct a compact on behalf of the state for juveniles who are; (1) not under proper supervision and control, or who have absconded, escaped or runaway and are likely to endanger their own health, morals and welfare and the health, morals and welfare of others; 2) that the cooperation of this state with other states is necessary to provide for the welfare and protection of juveniles and of the people of this state. The Interstate compact cooperates fully with other states in the return of juveniles, accepting the juveniles if apprehended in another state, as well as initiating actions for the return of juveniles. The Division has been a member since 2011.

2. Is there any other organization, which provides the same or similar benefits, which your agency belongs to?

A: No

3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?

A: Every state and the Northern Marianas, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands and Guam are members of the ICJ. To our knowledge, DCYF is the sole NH state agency that is a member of the ICJ.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc)

A: The dues collected by the Commission are determined by a formula which calculates the annual assessments to be paid by the state. The commission considers the population of the state and the volume of the juvenile transfers between states in determining and adjusting the assessment formula. The dues formula is determined by; the population of the state/population of the United States plus the number of juveniles sent from and received by a state/total number of offenders sent from and received by all states and is then divided by two.

5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?

A: Should this request be approved, the Division will be able to access the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents and status offenders who are on probation or parole and who have absconded, escaped or runaway and in doing so have endangered their own safety and the safety of others.

6. Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.

A: Training and educational research materials are included in the membership as well as national data collection archives.

7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.

A: No

8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership-supported trips.

A: No travel is included with this membership fee.

9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.

A: There are a number of employees that have user accounts and use the data on an ongoing basis. However, none of state agency employees are directly involved with this organization.

10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.

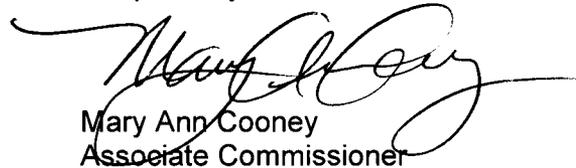
A: Should the Governor and Executive Council not approve this request the Division will not have access to the proper administrative processes for the supervision or return of juveniles, delinquents and status offenders who are on probation or parole and who have absconded, escaped or run away from supervision and control and by doing so have endangered their own safety and the safety of others. The compacting state also recognizes that each state is responsible for the safe return of juveniles who have run away from home and have left their state of residence. The compact encourages and recognizes the cooperative efforts and mutual assistance in prevention of crime and the assurance of public safety.

Geographic Area Served: Statewide

Source of Funds: 25% Federal and 75% General.

In the event that the Federal funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by:   
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**Interstate Commission for Juveniles**

**INVOICE**



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**DATE: APRIL 1, 2014**

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**FOR:**

Fiscal Year 2015 Dues Assessment

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual Dues: Interstate Commission for Juveniles	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>

Payment is due: July 31, 2014

- Please make checks payable to **Interstate Commission for Juveniles**
- If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Lippert, Executive Director:  
alippert@juvenilecompact.org.
- Federal Identification Number: 30-0541224 (Interstate Commission for Juveniles)

***Thank You for Your Continued Support***