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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill adopts the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles. The current compact was adopted by Minnesota in 1957 (Minn. Stat. § 260.51). The compact provides a mechanism for tracking and supervising juveniles that move across state borders. As of 2009, 40 states have adopted the new compact.

According to the Council of State Governments: “At issue are the management, monitoring, supervision and 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 to states other than where they were sentenced. Also at issue is the safe return of juveniles who have run away from home, leaving their state of residence.”

The council notes that the primary changes to the original compact are:

- establishment of an independent compact operating authority to administer ongoing compact activity;
- provision for sanctions to support essential compact operations;
- mandatory funding mechanism to support compact operations; and
- collection of standardized information.