

**THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 280 of 1939**

**400.115s Interstate compacts; authorization; force and effect; contents.**

Sec. 115s. (1) The family independence agency is authorized to negotiate and enter into interstate compacts with agencies of other states for the provision of adoption assistance for an adoptee who is a child with special needs, who moves into or out of this state, and on behalf of whom adoption assistance is being provided by this state or another state party to such a compact.

(2) When a compact is so entered into and for as long as it remains in force, the compact has the force and effect of law.

(3) A compact authorized under this act must include:

(a) A provision making it available for joinder by all states.

(b) A provision or provisions for withdrawal from the compact upon written notice to the parties, but with a period of 1 year between the date of the notice and effective date of the withdrawal.

(c) A requirement that the protections under the compact continue in force for the duration of the adoption assistance and are applicable to all children and their adoptive parents who on the effective date of the withdrawal are receiving adoption assistance from a party state other than the one in which they are resident and have their principal place of abode.

(d) A requirement that each instance of adoption assistance to which the compact applies be covered by an adoption assistance agreement in writing between the adoptive parents and the state child welfare agency of the state that undertakes to provide the adoption assistance. An agreement required by this subdivision shall be expressly for the benefit of the adopted child and be enforceable by the adoptive parents and the state agency providing the adoption assistance.

(e) Other provisions as may be appropriate to implement the proper administration of the compact.

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