The Compact must be passed by states with identical content. However, the way it is implemented will vary from state to state. When a state is enacting this proposed legislation at least three key state specific areas must be addressed: Finance, the Compact Administrator, and State Councils.

Key Decisions States Must Make When Enacting the Compact

Finance:
Determine the process and funding source necessary to insure timely payment of your states’ annual assessment to cover costs of the internal operations and activities of the Interstate Commission ....................... (Article X, sec. 2)

Among items to consider:

- During the first 12 months of existence the Commission must promulgate a Rule binding upon member states specifying an assessment formula that takes into consideration state population and its' volume of interstate movement of offenders.
- It is not possible to specify the amount of a state assessment before an operating budget is approved by the Commission and the funding formula has been established. However, an estimate of the start-up costs and operating budgets for the Commissions’ first three years has been completed and is part of this set of information.

Compact Administrator:
Determine qualifications of Compact Administrator .................................................................(Art. II-C; Art. IV)

AND

Determine who appoints the Compact Administrator: .................................................................(Art. IV)
1. The Governor, in consultation with the Legislature and the Judiciary; or
2. The State Council.

- Under the existing compact, who is currently the official Compact Administrator? (Do not confuse this authority with the position of “Deputy Compact Administrator(s)” where much of the daily activity occurs.)
- Does the Compact Administrator responsibility require a full time position in your state, or should these duties be part of the responsibilities of another position?
- Where will the position be located within the state organizational structure?
- The Compact Administrator, as your states’ representative on the National Commission, represents the interests of your state through his/her vote. What additional authority or responsibility, if any, will be specified for the position within your state?
Creation of State Councils: .................................................................(Art. IV)

Among items to consider:

- Your state may have an existing function that, with minimal modification, can also fulfill the state council responsibility.
- Some states may want a “hands-on” state council that meets frequently, requires staff support and a clear organizational designation.
- Others states may fashion a state council role that requires few meetings with staff support provided by the compact administrators' office, or other pre-existing resources.

2. State Council resources and organizational location.

3. Membership must include at least one representative from the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government, victims groups, and the Compact Administrator.
   1. How are the appointments to be made in your state?
      1. In statute?
      ii By Executive Order?
      ii Other.
   2. Will appointments be made for a specific term or time frame?

3. How will the state councils be required to conduct business? IE.:
   1. Quorums
   2. Roberts Rules of Order
   3. State administrative regulations
   4. State council rules or other determinations.

4. Legislative enactment language in Article IV states: “Each state council shall exercise oversight and advocacy concerning its participation in Interstate Commission activities and other duties as may be determined by each member state, including, but not limited to, development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the compact within that state.”
   1. Does your state wish to specify any other duties for your State Council?