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✓ It doesn't seem likely that S. 848 will pass this Congress, but likely will be introduced again in the 108th Congress.

Interstate Compact on Adult and Juvenile Offender Supervision

- ✓ The Council of State Governments (CSG) led an effort over the last two years to revise the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision.
- Thirty-eight states have adopted the revised adult offender compact, and legislation is pending in nine additional states.
- An interstate commission will draft the rules that will govern the movement of adult offenders. The Conference of Chief Justices will be represented on the commission.
- CSG is revising the juvenile offender compact. The Conference of State Court Administrators has a representative on the drafting commission. It will be modeled after the Interstate Compact for Adult Supervision.

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)

The reauthorization for CAPTA, which provides grant funds for a variety of purposes for which courts can

- apply, including visitation centers and neutral dropoff centers, expired on September 30, 2002.
- ✓ The House passed H.R. 3839 on April 23, 2002, to reauthorize CAPTA.
- ✓ The Senate's version of CAPTA reauthorization (S.2998) was introduced in late September.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- ✓ The TANF program, which provides block grants to states for public assistance, was created in 1996 as part of Welfare Reform.
- ✓ The House reauthorized TANF by passing H.R. 4737, which includes some provisions for enhancing tools for child support enforcement, on May 16, 2002.
- ✓ The Senate Finance Committee amended H.R. 4737 in July, but it is unclear when it will be debated on the Senate floor.
- ✓ There are significant differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill related to work requirements and child care, and if the House and Senate cannot reach agreement on a major reauthorization bill, they may agree on a straight one-year extension of the current program.

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