



## Interstate Compact – Process

The development of an interstate compact should be a deliberate and well planned process. The Council of State Government’s (CSG) experience through several interstate compact efforts has established that procedural planning and political strategy often reduces or eliminates obstacles during the project. To that end, the development of an interstate compact involves:

- Creating and convening an Advisory Board to guide the early policy analysis and formulate recommendations;
- Developing a national Drafting Team, composed of compact and other subject matter experts who will craft the new compact;
- Facilitating the new interstate compact in the states, seeking national enactment by all impacted states and relevant jurisdictions;
- Overseeing the transition to the new interstate compact, including development of governing and administrative processes and training states on the new agreement;
- Maintaining and enhancing the new compact as it becomes operational.

### *Model Process*

Advisory Board	Drafting Team	Education and Outreach
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composed of state officials, stakeholders, issue experts;</li> <li>• Examine the issues and current policy spectrum of issue;</li> <li>• Examine best practices and alternative structures;</li> <li>• Establish recommendations as to the content of an interstate compact; and</li> <li>• Examine the need for Congressional Consent.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composed of 5-8 state officials, issue and compact experts (typically some overlap w/ Advisory);</li> <li>• Craft interstate compact solution based on Advisory Group recommendations; and</li> <li>• Circulate draft compact to Advisory Board and relevant stakeholder groups for comment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify legislative champions</li> <li>• Convene legislative briefing to educate policymakers and stakeholder groups about the new interstate agreement</li> <li>• Develop resource kit and project web site to supplement legislative briefing;</li> <li>• Provide technical assistance to states considering the new compact.</li> </ul>