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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ICPC Code Citation. V.I.C., Title 34, Sec. 121-127.

Statutory Penalties Under Article n7. In addition to liability for any such punishment or penalty, any such violation shall constitute full and sufficient grounds for suspension or revocation of any license permit or legal authorization held by the sending agency. Violation may be punished or subject to penalty in either jurisdiction in accordance with its law.

Other Penalties. Violation of the Adoption Code placement without rights of parents being terminated) is a misdemeanor.

Age of Majority. Eighteen (18) years 07.LC. Title 16, Sec. 261) 1984-1985 Supplement.

Court Jurisdiction. The Territorial Court, Family Division handles custody, adoption, termination of parental rights, delinquency, abuse and neglect, divorce, support.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements for Placements ICPC-100A, child summary, diagnostic evaluation, and custody documents,

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Foster Care Placement. All non-relative foster homes must be approved by the Virgin Islands Division of Children, Youth and Families, Department of Human Services.

Agency Adoptive Placement. The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services, Division of Children, Youth and Families, is the only approved placing agency in the Virgin Islands. An agency licensed in another state must work with the Department of Human Services to place a child with a Virgin Islands family. Home studies and placement supervision must be done by the Division of Children, Youth and Families. An Interstate package on a child to be placed in the Virgin Islands must include a complete social and medical history on the child and its birth family; certified copies of court orders or release of birth certificate.

Independent Adoption Placement. Whether a child has been previously placed as a foster child or directly for adoption, whether related or unrelated, a pre-adoptive home study, conducted by the Department of Human Services is mandatory prior to the adoption being finalized. The Department shall not accept a child for adoptive placement with the understanding that the child is to be placed in a particular home already selected by someone outside the Department (V.I. Rules and Regulations, T.34, sec. 104-102).

### PLACEMENTS

AFDC Payments. AFDC payments will be made if AFDC eligibility requirements are met.

Medicaid Payments. Children eligible for Medicaid (V.I. Medical Assistance Program MAP) who are placed in institutions or foster care out-of-state continue to be eligible for V.I. Medicaid only if a preplacement agreement has been established with the vendor. The Virgin Islands receives no IV-E funding.

Foster Care Payments. Virgin Islands foster board rates will be paid for V.I. children placed in foster homes out-of-state. The Virgin Islands does not receive IV-E funding for foster care.