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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Section 177 of the *Children's Services Act 1986* provides that the Executive may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act. Section 69B provides for the interstate transfer of young offenders once a regulation is in force declaring that the state has enacted legislation dealing with the interstate transfer.

The states of New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria have declared to have enacted legislation dealing with the interstate transfer of young offenders. The attached regulation is for the purpose of Section 69B (2) of the Act.

It is proposed that amendments to the *Children's Service Act 1986* will be introduced once other states declare they have enacted legislation relating to the interstate transfer of young offenders.

The regulation has limited financial implications as the transfers will take place on a quid pro quo basis and will commence on gazettal.

This regulation is the first step in the transfer process and will be followed by the development of negotiated Ministerial agreements with each of the named states.