

**403.820 Cooperation between courts -- Preservation of records.**

- (1) A court of this state may request the appropriate court of another state to:
  - (a) Hold an evidentiary hearing;
  - (b) Order a person to produce or give evidence pursuant to procedures of that state;
  - (c) Order that an evaluation be made with respect to the custody of a child involved in a pending proceeding;
  - (d) Forward to the court of this state a certified copy of the transcript of the record of the hearing, the evidence otherwise presented, and any evaluation prepared in compliance with the request; or
  - (e) Order a party to a child custody proceeding or any person having physical custody of the child to appear in the proceeding with or without the child.
- (2) Upon request of a court of another state, a court of this state may hold a hearing or enter an order described in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) Travel and other necessary and reasonable expenses incurred under subsections (1) and (2) of this section may be assessed against the parties according to the law of this state.
- (4) A court of this state shall preserve the pleadings, orders, decrees, records of hearings, evaluations, and other pertinent records with respect to a child custody proceeding until the child attains eighteen (18) years of age. Upon appropriate request by a court or law enforcement official of another state, the court shall forward a certified copy of those records.

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