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of local laws governing the detainment of out-of-state juveniles for misdemeanor charges. The juvenile walked away from the detention center unsupervised. While robbing a convenience store one day later, the...one year later, the juvenile shot and killed a store clerk. The juvenile remains locked up in a state prison today. A 15-year-old adjudicated juvenile received specialized and high-cost sex offender treatment and services in his state of residence. The terms of the juvenile's probation included weekly counseling and regular therapy by a state-sanctioned nonprofit organization. The father of the juvenile was fired from his employment and was forced to accept employment in another state. After hearing about the juvenile's need to move, the sending state terminated the juvenile's court order for treatment early, due to the high costs associated with sex offender treatment, and failed to notify the receiving state about the juvenile. Under the compact rules, sending states are obligated to fund necessary treatment services and supervision for juveniles moving across state lines. As expected, the youth moved with his father, unsupervised and without treatment. Not until he was adjudicated for another sex offense...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...one year later did the receiving state find out about the youth's troubled past. The mother of a runaway filed a report with the National Crime Information Center. The 16-year-old runaway was identified in a neighboring state three days later and placed in a juvenile temporary housing with minimal supervision. Youth workers in the receiving state discovered that the youth suffered from an extreme case of depression but could not provide needed therapy without permission by the youth's parents and payment from their home state. In the meantime, the mother was notified, but lacked funds to arrange for transportation. The home state forbade the use of funds for transportation. The end of the story is one week later the youth escaped from the temporary housing supervision. Her remains were found three months later and it was determined she committed suicide. These are the kinds of things that happen under the current compact.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Thompson.