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## A Few Facts about

## THE UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

PURPOSE: The Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act provides courts with

guidelines to follow during custody disputes and divorce proceedings in order to help them identify families at risk for abduction and prevent the

abduction of children.

ORIGIN: Completed by the Uniform Law Commission in 2006

ENDORSED BY: Approved by the American Bar Association; Included as Shared State

Legislation by the Council of State Governments (CSG)

ENACTED BY: Alabama, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana,

Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and

Wyoming

## **UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT (2006)** WA MΤ ND OR MN ID SD WY IΑ ΝE NV OH IL UT CO MD CA VA KS MO ΚY NC TΝ OK ΑZ NM AR GΑ MS Status of the Uniform TX Child Abduction LA **Prevention Act** Introduced Enacted United States Puerto Rico Virgin Islands Last updated Jan. 14, 2025

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