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Alabama	Any time before or after birth	5 days after birth	Private: 3 months Agency: 6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alaska	Any time after birth	10 days	20 days	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arizona	72 hours after birth	None	6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Arkansas	Any time	10 days, 5 days via waiver signed	6-11 days	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
California	Any time after birth	Private: 24 hours after signing waiver Agency: None after DSS acknowledges receipt of the relinquishment.	6-9 months	Yes. Court can waive.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Colorado*	Any time before or after birth	None	6 months	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Connecticut*	48 hours after birth	30 days	6-12 months	Yes. Court can waive.	No	Yes	Yes, via agency	Yes
Delaware*	Any time after birth	6 months or until final hearing	6-12 months	No	No	Yes, via agency	Yes	Yes
DC	Any time after birth	Agency: 10 days	6 months	No	No	Yes	Yes, via agency	Yes
Florida	48 hours after birth	None	3-6 months	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Georgia	Private: Any time after birth Agency: 24 hours after birth	10 days	2-4 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, via agency	No	Yes
Hawaii	Any time after birth	None	6 months	Yes. The court can waive but usually does not.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Idaho	Any time after birth	None	6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Illinois	72 hours after birth	72 hours	6-12 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, with court approval	Yes, via agency	Yes
Indiana	24 hours after a SVD 48 hours after a C-section	None	3-12 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, \$3000 max	No	Yes, if finalized in the sending state
Iowa	72 hours after birth	96 hours	6-7 months	Yes. Court can waive.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kansas	12 hours after birth	None	30-60 days	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kentucky	72 hours after birth	20 days or until final hearing	6-8 months	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Louisiana	3 days after birth - agency 5 days after birth - private	Agency: None Private: 3 days	Agency: 6+ months after receiving custody Private: 1 year+ after receiving custody	Agency: No Private: Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maine	Any time after birth	3 days	6-12 months	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maryland	Any time after birth	1 month	3-6 months	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Massachusetts*	5 days after birth	None	8 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, via agency	Yes	Yes
Michigan	Any time after birth, in court	None	6-12 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	72 hours after birth	10 days	3 months	Yes	No	Yes	Yes - With court waiver	Yes
Mississippi	72 hours after birth	None	5 days if both BPs sign	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Missouri	48 hours after birth	None	6 months	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Montana	72 hours after birth	None	6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Nebraska	48 hours after birth	None	7 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Nevada	72 hours after birth	None	6 months	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Hampshire	72 hours after birth	None	7 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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New Jersey	72 hours after birth	None	9 months	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes, if agency is involved
New Mexico	48 hours after birth	None	8 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, via agency	No
New York	Any time after birth	4 days via signed before a judge 45 days via signed before someone who is not a judge	Private: 7-10 months Agency: 3 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, via agency	No
North Carolina	Any time after birth	7 days	90 days	No	No	Yes	Yes	No by statute - but not enforced
North Dakota*	Any time before or after birth	1-6 weeks or until final hearing @ 6 months	7 months	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ohio	72 hours after birth	Up to 30 days – private. Irrevocable - agency	9 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, \$3000 max	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	Any time after birth, in court	None	7 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, with court approval	Statute allows, but some judges do not	Yes
Oregon	1 day after birth – agency Any time after birth - private	None – agency When conditions are met – private	1-3 months	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Pennsylvania	72 hours after birth	30 days	3-12 months	Yes Some judges permit Skype.	Yes	Medical – Yes Living – No Some judges permit living expenses if paid in the sending state.	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	15 days after birth	Agency: 15 days after birth via court approves Private: 6 months	8 months	Yes. Court can waive.	No	Yes	Yes, via agency	Yes
South Carolina	Any time after birth	None	3-6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	Any time after birth, in court	6 months (until final hearing)	6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tennessee	4 days after birth	10 days	1 year	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Texas	48 hours after birth	None	6 months	Yes. Court can waive.	Yes	Yes, via agency	Yes	Yes
Utah	24 hours after birth	None	7 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vermont	36 hours after birth	21 days	6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Virginia	3 days after birth	10 days	6-9 months	No	No	Yes	Yes, via agency	
Washington	Any time before or after birth	48 hours	2-6 months	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
West Virginia	72 hours after birth	None	6-9 months	Yes	?	Yes, with court approval	No	Yes, if an agency is involved
Wisconsin	Any time after birth	Up to 30 days or until judge signs TPR order, whichever occurs first	6+ months after the receiving custody	Yes	Yes	Medical – Yes Living – \$5000 max for rent, utilities, phone, food \$300 clothing \$any transportation \$100 gift	No	Yes, if agency is involved
Wyoming	Any time after birth	None	6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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