

# HOUSE BILL No. 1019

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-14-14-1.5; IC 31-17-4-1.5.

**Synopsis:** Visitation rights. Prohibits a court from granting visitation rights with a child to a parent who has been convicted of murder of the child's other parent unless the court finds that: (1) the statutory requirements entitling a parent to reasonable visitation under current law are met; (2) the child is of a reasonable age to agree to the visitation; and (3) the child consents to the visitation.

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-14-14-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 1.5. A court may not grant visitation rights with  
4 a child to a parent who has been convicted of murder under  
5 IC 35-42-1-1 of the child's other parent unless:**

- 6 (1) **the court finds that the parent is entitled to reasonable  
7 visitation as described in section 1 of this chapter;**  
8 (2) **the child is of reasonable age to demonstrate that the child  
9 approves of the visitation order; and**  
10 (3) **the child consents to the visitation.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 31-17-4-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
12 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
13 1, 1998]: **Sec. 1.5. A court may not grant visitation rights with a child  
14 to a parent who has been convicted of murder under IC 35-42-1-1 of  
15 the child's other parent unless:**

- 16 (1) **the court finds that the parent is entitled to reasonable  
17 visitation as described in section 1 of this chapter;**



- 1           **(2) the child is of reasonable age to demonstrate that the child**
- 2           **approves of the visitation order; and**
- 3           **(3) the child consents to the visitation.**

