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## SENATE BILL No. 365

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DIGEST OF SB0365 (Updated January 29, 1998 11:24 am - DI 44)

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Family courts pilot program. Requires the division of state court administration to administer a family court demonstration program in counties volunteering to participate in the program. Requires the division to select for the program at least three counties that are representative of small, medium, and large populations. Appropriates \$150,000 to the division of state court administration to be granted to the counties selected to participate in the family court program. Provides for the program to begin January 1, 1999, for a two year duration. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on courts.)

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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**Bray, Alexa, Randolph**

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January 8, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
January 22, 1998, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Finance.  
January 29, 1998, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 concerning courts and court officers and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) **As used in this**  
2 **SECTION, "division" refers to the division of state court**  
3 **administration.**  
4 (b) **As used in this SECTION, "program" refers to the family**  
5 **court demonstration program established by subsection (c).**  
6 (c) **The division shall establish and administer a voluntary**  
7 **family court demonstration program. The division shall begin**  
8 **operation of the program not later than January 1, 1999, and shall**  
9 **operate the program until December 31, 2000.**  
10 (d) **The division shall:**  
11 (1) **establish procedures for the selection of counties for the**  
12 **program; and**  
13 (2) **grant funds to the counties chosen to participate in the**  
14 **program.**  
15 (e) **The program must operate in at least three (3) counties,**  
16 **including one (1) county containing a small population, one (1)**  
17 **county containing a medium population, and one (1) county**

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1 containing a large population, as determined by the division.

2 (f) A county desiring to participate in the program must submit  
3 a plan to the division not later than September 30, 1998. The plan  
4 must include the following information:

5 (1) The structure of the county's proposed family court,  
6 including the types of cases to be handled by the court.

7 (2) The amount of funding needed by the county for the  
8 operation of the family court, including costs of personnel.

9 (3) Any other information required by the division.

10 (g) A county family court program that is awarded a grant  
11 under this SECTION shall submit a monthly report to the division  
12 specifying the number and type of cases handled by the family  
13 court and any other information required by the division.

14 (h) The division shall:

15 (1) analyze and compile the results of the monthly reports  
16 received under subsection (g); and

17 (2) not later than January 31, submit an annual report to the  
18 chief justice of the supreme court and to the commission on  
19 courts.

20 (i) There is appropriated to the division of state court  
21 administration one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from  
22 the state general fund for division use in granting funds to counties  
23 chosen to participate in the family court demonstration program  
24 established by subsection (c), beginning July 1, 1998, and ending  
25 June 30, 2000. The money appropriated under this subsection does  
26 not revert to the state general fund at the end of a state fiscal year  
27 but remains available to the division of state court administration  
28 until the purpose for which the money was appropriated is  
29 fulfilled.

30 (j) This SECTION expires July 1, 2000.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill 365, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Finance.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 365 as introduced.)

BRAY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1.

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Randolph be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 365.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill 365, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 365 as printed January 23, 1998.)

BORST, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 1.

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