

HOUSE BILL No. 1192

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 33-2.1-7-3.1.

Synopsis: CASA and GAL funding. Removes a provision that limits the division of state court administration from using more than \$75,000 in matching funds per state fiscal year to implement and administer guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 11, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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 1998 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 33-2.1-7-3.1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3.1. (a) The division of
3 state court administration shall establish and administer an office of
4 guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate services. The
5 division shall use money it receives from the state general fund to
6 administer the office. If funds for guardian ad litem and court
7 appointed special advocate programs are appropriated by the general
8 assembly, the division shall provide matching funds to counties that are
9 required to implement and administer, in courts with juvenile
10 jurisdiction, a guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate
11 program for children who are alleged to be victims of child abuse or
12 neglect under IC 31-33. ~~However, the division may not use more than~~
13 ~~seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) per state fiscal year for~~
14 ~~administration of the program.~~ Matching funds must be distributed in
15 accordance with the provisions of section 3.2 of this chapter. A county
16 may use these matching funds to supplement amounts that are collected
17 as fees under IC 31-40-3-1 and used for the operation of guardian ad

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1 litem and court appointed special advocate programs. The division may
2 use its administrative fund to provide training services and
3 communication services for local officials and local guardian ad litem
4 and court appointed special advocate programs. The county fiscal body
5 shall appropriate adequate funds for the county to be eligible for
6 matching funds under this section.

7 (b) Matching funds provided to a county under this provision shall
8 be used for guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate
9 programs and may be deposited in the county's guardian ad litem or
10 court appointed special advocate fund described in IC 31-40-3.

11 (c) Any matching funds appropriated to the division of state court
12 administration that are not used before July 1 of each fiscal year do not
13 revert but shall be redistributed under this section on July 1. The
14 division shall redistribute the funds among counties providing guardian
15 ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs that are
16 entitled to receive matching funds.

17 (d) Money appropriated to the division of state court
18 administration does not revert at the end of a state fiscal year to the
19 state general fund.

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