

HOUSE BILL No. 1210

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-46-1-4.

Synopsis: Neglect of a dependent. Increases the penalty for neglect of a dependent from a Class D felony to a Class B felony if the offense involves: (1) placing the dependent in a situation that may endanger the dependent's life or health; or (2) abandoning or cruelly confining the dependent. Makes a conforming change.

Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 11, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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Introduced

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 criminal law and procedure.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-46-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. (a) A person having
3 the care of a dependent, whether assumed voluntarily or because of a
4 legal obligation, who knowingly or intentionally:
5 (1) places the dependent in a situation that may endanger his life
6 or health;
7 (2) abandons or cruelly confines the dependent;
8 (3) deprives the dependent of necessary support; or
9 (4) deprives the dependent of education as required by law;
10 commits neglect of a dependent. **The offense is a Class D felony if it**
11 **is committed under subdivision (3) or (4) and a Class B felony if it**
12 **is committed under subdivision (1) or (2).** However, **except for a**
13 **violation of subdivision (4);** the offense **under subdivision (3)** is a
14 Class B felony if it results in serious bodily injury. It is a defense that
15 the accused person, in the legitimate practice of his religious belief,
16 provided treatment by spiritual means through prayer, in lieu of
17 medical care, to his dependent.

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1 (b) Except for property transferred or received:
2 (1) under a court order made in connection with a proceeding
3 under IC 31-15, IC 31-16, IC 31-17, or IC 31-35 (or IC 31-1-11.5
4 or IC 31-6-5 before their repeal); or
5 (2) under IC 35-46-1-9(b);
6 a person who transfers or receives any property in consideration for the
7 termination of the care, custody, or control of a person's dependent
8 child commits child selling, a Class D felony.

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