

# HOUSE BILL No. 1364

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Project IMPACT. Authorizes Project IMPACT USA, Inc., a national nonprofit organization, to develop and implement affiliate Project IMPACT organizations in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Gary, Indianapolis, and South Bend. Requires the five Project IMPACT affiliate organizations established in Indiana to offer a comprehensive family restoration program that provides delinquency prevention services to problematic youth and their families, including individuals referred to the program by juvenile courts, local schools, and community organizations. Provides that the objectives of Project IMPACT are to: (1) reduce the number of arrests; (2) reduce the number of school suspensions; (3) reduce the number of youth  
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**Effective:** July 1, 1999.

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January 12, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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referred to the juvenile courts; (4) increase a troubled youth's ability to cope with daily problems; (5) improve parent-child relationships; and (6) change conventional methods of youth incarceration by providing positive alternatives to various difficult situations for youth. Requires Project IMPACT to provide the following programs: (1) A juvenile diversion program. (2) A school dropout prevention program. (3) A job training and placement program. (4) A parent education program. (5) Spirituality counseling. Appropriates \$5,000,000 to the office of the secretary of family and social services to provide a grant to Project IMPACT USA, Inc. that must be used for developing and implementing the five Project IMPACT affiliate organizations in Indiana.

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First Regular Session 111th General Assembly (1999)

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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 concerning family law and juvenile law and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) As used in this  
2 SECTION, "Project IMPACT" refers to each of the affiliate  
3 organizations authorized under subsection (c)(1) through (c)(5) of  
4 this SECTION.  
5 (b) As used in this SECTION, "Project IMPACT USA, Inc."  
6 refers to the national, nonprofit organization known by that name  
7 that seeks to assist states in providing comprehensive family  
8 restoration programs in an effort to assist in reducing juvenile  
9 delinquency and violence among families through personal  
10 empowerment and community involvement.  
11 (c) Project IMPACT USA, Inc. is authorized to develop and  
12 implement the following five (5) affiliate organizations to be  
13 administered at the following sites:  
14 (1) Project IMPACT Allen in Fort Wayne.  
15 (2) Project IMPACT Lake in Gary.  
16 (3) Project IMPACT Marion in Indianapolis.



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- 1           **(4) Project IMPACT St. Joseph in South Bend.**  
2           **(5) Project IMPACT Vanderburgh in Evansville.**  
3           **(d) Project IMPACT is a comprehensive family restoration**  
4 **program providing delinquency prevention services to problematic**  
5 **youth and their families.**  
6           **(e) The objectives of Project IMPACT are the following:**  
7           **(1) To reduce the number of arrests.**  
8           **(2) To reduce the number of school suspensions.**  
9           **(3) To reduce the number of youth referred to juvenile courts**  
10 **for delinquency and unruly behavior.**  
11           **(4) To increase a troubled youth's ability to cope with daily**  
12 **problems.**  
13           **(5) To improve relationships between problematic youth and**  
14 **parents.**  
15           **(6) To change conventional methods of youth incarceration by**  
16 **providing positive alternatives to:**  
17           **(A) drug abuse;**  
18           **(B) gangs;**  
19           **(C) school failure; and**  
20           **(D) other difficult situations for youth.**  
21           **(7) To assist problematic youth and their families to:**  
22           **(A) focus on personal responsibility;**  
23           **(B) experience achievement;**  
24           **(C) learn discipline;**  
25           **(D) develop confidence; and**  
26           **(E) promote family reconciliation.**  
27           **(f) Project IMPACT must provide the following programs:**  
28           **(1) A juvenile diversion program that consists of:**  
29           **(A) individual and family counseling;**  
30           **(B) personal development workshops;**  
31           **(C) referral assistance; and**  
32           **(D) case management.**  
33           **(2) A school dropout prevention program that consists of:**  
34           **(A) counseling and referrals;**  
35           **(B) tutoring and mentoring;**  
36           **(C) family forums; and**  
37           **(D) career education.**  
38           **(3) A job training and placement program that consists of:**  
39           **(A) career planning;**  
40           **(B) job readiness training;**  
41           **(C) internships; and**  
42           **(D) job placement services.**

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- 1           **(4) A parent education program that consists of:**
- 2               **(A) teaching parenting skills;**
- 3               **(B) child and adolescent development;**
- 4               **(C) behavior modification;**
- 5               **(D) parental involvement;**
- 6               **(E) a fatherhood program; and**
- 7               **(F) a teen parent program.**
- 8           **(5) Family spirituality counseling to include mentoring and**
- 9               **follow-up services sustained through the faith community.**
- 10          **(g) Project IMPACT shall provide services to problematic youth**
- 11          **and their families including persons referred to Project IMPACT**
- 12          **from:**
- 13               **(1) juvenile courts;**
- 14               **(2) local schools; and**
- 15               **(3) community organizations.**
- 16          **(h) Project IMPACT USA, Inc. shall work with Project**
- 17          **IMPACT in Indiana to raise additional funds for programming**
- 18          **and operational support of Project IMPACT.**
- 19          **(i) There is appropriated to the office of the secretary of family**
- 20          **and social services five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the state**
- 21          **general fund. The office of the secretary of family and social**
- 22          **services shall provide the money appropriated under this**
- 23          **SECTION to Project IMPACT USA, Inc. as a grant that must be**
- 24          **used for the purpose set forth in this SECTION.**

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