

HOUSE BILL No. 1168

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-9-2-76.5; IC 31-32-2.5.

Synopsis: Long term foster parent party status. Defines "long term foster parent" as a person who has been a child's foster parent for at least 12 consecutive months or 15 of the most recent 22 months. Provides that a long term foster parent is a party to a child in need of services proceeding. Requires the office of family and children to notify the court when an individual becomes a party as a long term foster parent.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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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 1999 General Assembly.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-76.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2000]: **Sec. 76.5. "Long term foster parent", for purposes of**
- 4 **IC 31-32-2.5, means a person who has been a child's foster parent**
- 5 **for at least:**
- 6 (1) **twelve (12) consecutive months; or**
- 7 (2) **fifteen (15) months of the most recent twenty-two (22)**
- 8 **months.**
- 9 SECTION 2. IC 31-32-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 10 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 11 JULY 1, 2000]:
- 12 **Chapter 2.5. Long Term Foster Parents**
- 13 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a child in need of services**
- 14 **proceeding under IC 31-34.**
- 15 **Sec. 2. A long term foster parent is a party to a proceeding**
- 16 **described in section 1 of this chapter.**
- 17 **Sec. 3. (a) The county office of family and children shall notify**

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1 the court whenever an individual becomes a party under this
2 chapter.

3 (b) Failure of the county office of family and children to comply
4 with subsection (a) does not prevent a long term foster parent from
5 becoming a party.

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