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# SENATE BILL No. 83

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-32-13-1; IC 35-45-21.

**Synopsis:** Child concealment. Allows a juvenile court to issue certain orders requested by a person investigating suspected child abuse or neglect of a child. Makes it Class D felony for a person to fail to comply with a court order to deliver a child, provide the location of a child, or name a person who may have knowledge of a child's whereabouts to the court or another person. Provides that it is a defense to a charge if the person is unable to comply with the court order due to lack of knowledge.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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First Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2011)

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.

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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 31-32-13-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
2 SECTION 278, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 1. Upon a juvenile court's motion  
4 or upon the motion of a child's parent, guardian, custodian, or guardian  
5 ad litem, a probation officer, a caseworker, the prosecuting attorney,  
6 the attorney for the department of child services, or any person  
7 providing services to the child or the child's parent, guardian, or  
8 custodian **or investigating suspected child abuse or neglect of the**  
9 **child**, the juvenile court may issue an order:

- 10 (1) to control the conduct of any person in relation to the child;
- 11 (2) to provide a child with an examination or treatment under
- 12 IC 31-32-12; or
- 13 (3) to prevent a child from leaving the court's jurisdiction.

14 SECTION 2. IC 35-45-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
15 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2011]:

17 **Chapter 21. Child Concealment**



1           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "child" means a person who is**  
2 **less than eighteen (18) years of age.**  
3           **Sec. 2. A person who knowingly or intentionally fails to comply**  
4 **with an order by a court to:**  
5           **(1) deliver a child;**  
6           **(2) provide the location of a child; or**  
7           **(3) name a person who may have knowledge of a child's**  
8           **whereabouts;**  
9 **to the court or another person commits child concealment, a Class**  
10 **D felony.**  
11           **Sec. 3. It is a defense to a prosecution under this chapter that the**  
12 **person is unable to comply with the order of the court due to lack**  
13 **of knowledge.**

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