

HOUSE BILL No. 1323

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 33-24-11-10.

Synopsis: Study of child welfare issues. Requires the Indiana child custody and support advisory committee (committee) to study and make recommendations regarding various child welfare matters. Requires the committee to submit a report of the committee's recommendations to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2011.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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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.

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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 33-24-11-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 10. (a) The Indiana child custody
4 and support advisory committee shall study and make
5 recommendations concerning the following:**
6 **(1) Requiring the department of child services to:**
7 **(A) develop and implement an intensive family
8 preservation program to:**
9 **(i) help preserve families by keeping children with their
10 parents; and**
11 **(ii) provide families needed resources to stay together;**
12 **(B) develop and implement clear guidelines for the removal
13 of a child from the child's home;**
14 **(C) annually report to the Indiana child custody and
15 support advisory committee on the department of child
16 service's progress and implementation of the guidelines
17 described under clause (B); and**



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(D) develop and implement the method of differential response in handling reports of child abuse and neglect.

(2) Ensuring that the laws in Indiana concerning foster care are in compliance with the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351).

(3) Requesting a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services that would allow the state to provide payments to a relative who is providing care and supervision to a child who would be or has been in foster care.

(4) Requesting a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services that would allow caseworkers to focus on:

(A) finding permanent homes for older children by establishing specialized youth permanency units; and

(B) employing differential response programs.

(b) The committee shall submit a report with the recommendations of the committee to the legislative council not later than November 1, 2011. The report submitted to the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(c) This section expires July 1, 2012.

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