

SENATE BILL No. 332

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-10-2-2.

Synopsis: Parental rights. Provides that the liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their child is a fundamental right. Provides that Indiana law shall be administered, implemented, and interpreted consistently with this right. Provides that an Indiana governmental entity may not burden this right unless the governmental entity demonstrates that application of the burden to the person: (1) furthers a compelling governmental interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 8, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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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 2012 Regular Session of the 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 31-10-2-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 3 1, 2013]: **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "governmental entity"**
 4 **refers to any of the following:**
 5 (1) **The state.**
 6 (2) **An agency of the state.**
 7 (3) **A political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).**
 8 (4) **An agency of a political subdivision.**
 9 (b) **Indiana law shall be administered, implemented, and**
 10 **interpreted consistently with this section.**
 11 (c) **The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education,**
 12 **and care of their child is a fundamental right.**
 13 (d) **A governmental entity may not burden a person's right**
 14 **described in subsection (c) unless the governmental entity**
 15 **demonstrates that application of the burden to the person:**
 16 (1) **furtheres a compelling governmental interest; and**
 17 (2) **is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling**



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