

HOUSE BILL No. 1142

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-25-2-5; IC 31-33-7-2.

Synopsis: Department of child services. Requires the department of child services (DCS) to hire additional employees by January 1, 2014. Requires DCS to assign for investigation all reports of child abuse or neglect that are received from a centralized call center to the local DCS office in the county where the child is located. Requires a local DCS office to investigate a report of child abuse or neglect received from certain individuals. Requires DCS to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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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 31-25-2-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012,
 2 SECTION 86, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 5. (a) The department shall ensure that the
 4 department maintains staffing levels of family case managers so that
 5 each region has enough family case managers to allow caseloads to be
 6 at not more than:
 7 (1) twelve (12) active cases relating to initial assessments,
 8 including investigations of an allegation of child abuse or neglect;
 9 or
 10 (2) seventeen (17) children monitored and supervised in active
 11 cases relating to ongoing services.
 12 (b) The department shall comply with the maximum caseload ratios
 13 described in subsection (a).
 14 (c) **By January 1, 2014, the department shall hire at least:**
 15 **(1) fifty (50) additional family case manager intake specialists;**
 16 **(2) ten (10) additional family case manager intake specialist**
 17 **supervisors;**



1 **(3) eighty (80) additional family case managers; and**
 2 **(4) sixteen (16) additional family case manager supervisors;**
 3 **in addition to those employed by the department on January 1,**
 4 **2013.**

5 **(d) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including**
 6 **emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, necessary to implement**
 7 **subsection (c).**

8 SECTION 2. IC 31-33-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2005,
 9 SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 2. **(a)** To carry out section 1 of this
 11 chapter, the department must use a phone access system for receiving
 12 calls that is standardized among all counties. The department shall
 13 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the administration of this section.

14 **(b) A report of child abuse or neglect that is received from a**
 15 **centralized call center shall be assigned by the department to the**
 16 **local office in the county where the child is located, for purposes of**
 17 **investigating the report.**

18 **(c) A local office must investigate a report of child abuse or**
 19 **neglect received from:**

- 20 **(1) medical personnel;**
- 21 **(2) school personnel;**
- 22 **(3) a social worker;**
- 23 **(4) law enforcement personnel; and**
- 24 **(5) judiciary personnel.**

25 **(d) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including**
 26 **emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, necessary to implement**
 27 **subsections (b) and (c).**

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