

**IC 31-21**

**ARTICLE 21. UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION ACT**

**IC 31-21-1**

Chapter 1. Applicability

**IC 31-21-1-1**

**Inapplicability**

Sec. 1. This article does not apply to:

- (1) an adoption proceeding; or
- (2) a proceeding pertaining to the authorization of emergency medical care for a child.

*As added by P.L.138-2007, SEC.45.*

**IC 31-21-1-2**

**Child custody determination made by a tribe**

Sec. 2. (a) A child custody proceeding pertaining to an Indian child, as defined in the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.), is not subject to this article to the extent that it is governed by the Indian Child Welfare Act.

(b) An Indiana court shall treat a tribe as if the tribe were a state of the United States for purposes of applying IC 31-21-3 through IC 31-21-5.

(c) A child custody determination made by a tribe under factual circumstances in substantial conformity with the jurisdictional standards of this article must be recognized and enforced under IC 31-21-6.

*As added by P.L.138-2007, SEC.45.*

**IC 31-21-1-3**

**Child custody determination made by a foreign country**

Sec. 3. (a) An Indiana court shall treat a foreign country as if the foreign country were a state of the United States for purposes of applying IC 31-21-3 through IC 31-21-5.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), a child custody determination made in a foreign country under factual circumstances in substantial conformity with the jurisdictional standard of this article must be recognized and enforced under IC 31-21-6.

(c) An Indiana court need not apply this article if the child custody law of a foreign country violates the fundamental principles of human rights.

*As added by P.L.138-2007, SEC.45.*