

**IC 31-26**

**ARTICLE 26. CHILD SERVICES: PROGRAMS**

**IC 31-26-1**

Chapter 1. Youth Service Bureau

**IC 31-26-1-1**

**"Account"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "account" refers to the youth service bureau grant account.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

**IC 31-26-1-2**

**"Youth service bureau"**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "youth service bureau" means an organization that is certified as a youth service bureau by the department under section 3 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

**IC 31-26-1-3**

**Certification requirements**

Sec. 3. Any organization may apply to the department for certification as a youth service bureau. The department shall establish criteria for the certification of an organization as a youth service bureau, which must include the following requirements:

- (1) The organization must be registered with the secretary of state as a nonprofit corporation or must be an agency of a local governmental unit.
- (2) The organization must develop and operate direct and indirect service programs designed to do the following:
  - (A) Support, represent, and protect the rights of young people.
  - (B) Prevent adolescent misbehavior and divert young people from the justice system.
  - (C) Maintain a referral system with other service agencies that might benefit young people.
  - (D) Inform and educate citizens about the functions and services available through the organization and serve as a link between the needs of youth and the community.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

**IC 31-26-1-4**

**Youth service bureau grant account**

Sec. 4. (a) The youth service bureau grant account is established within the state general fund to provide grants to youth service bureaus. The account consists of money:

- (1) appropriated by the general assembly;
  - (2) received in the form of donations; and
  - (3) from any other source.
- (b) The account shall be administered by the department.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

(d) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

#### **IC 31-26-1-5**

##### **Annual grant to each bureau; additional grants**

Sec. 5. (a) The department may provide an annual grant to each youth service bureau.

(b) The department may also provide an additional grant to a youth service bureau that is receiving a grant under subsection (a) to permit the youth service bureau to maintain or expand the youth service bureau's programs. An additional grant under this subsection is subject to the requirements of section 7 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

#### **IC 31-26-1-6**

##### **Grants to bureaus not receiving annual or additional grants**

Sec. 6. The department may provide a grant to a youth service bureau that is not receiving a grant under section 5 of this chapter to permit the youth service bureau to establish, maintain, or expand the youth service bureau's programs. A grant under this section is subject to the requirements of section 7 of this chapter.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

#### **IC 31-26-1-7**

##### **Matching grants to bureaus**

Sec. 7. A grant under section 5(b) or 6 of this chapter must be matched by an equal amount of money raised by the youth service bureau from sources other than the state.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

#### **IC 31-26-1-8**

##### **Rules; application procedures and evaluation criteria; certification and grants**

Sec. 8. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing application procedures and evaluation criteria for organizations applying for certification and grants under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.145-2006, SEC.272.*

#### **IC 31-26-1-9**

##### **Grant recipients' duties**

Sec. 9. A youth service bureau that receives a grant under this chapter shall do the following:

- (1) Maintain accurate and complete records, reports, statistics, and other information necessary for the conduct of the youth service bureau's programs.
- (2) Establish appropriate written policies and procedures to

protect the confidentiality of individual client records.

(3) Submit service and activity reports to the department as required by the department.

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