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Sipes bill to provide better court efficiency passes through committee *A unanimous vote sends the bill to senate floor for full consideration*

INDIANAPOLIS –The Senate Judiciary committee approved legislation authored by State Senator Connie Sipes (D-New Albany) that would redistribute the Floyd County Circuit Court’s caseload for better court efficiency.

Senate Bill (SB) 307 provides that in Floyd County, the Circuit Court would have exclusive jurisdiction over probate and trust matters. The bill also proposes that the Floyd Circuit Court and Floyd Superior Court No. 3 have concurrent juvenile jurisdiction.

The bill would permit juvenile cases, which comprise 22 percent of the Circuit Court’s workload, to be shared between the two courts.

“The judges in Floyd County were concerned that the juvenile caseload had become so large there was a need to share the workload,” said Sen. Sipes. “It is my hope that this increases efficiency and ensures a speedy process for every case.”

Floyd County Circuit Judge J. Terrence Cody said that if passed, SB 307 would give immediate help to courts. Cody said the delinquency docket would move in a more efficient manner, and the bill would result in a more unified court system.

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