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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 305

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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:*

SECTION 1. IC 20-26-11-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.131-2009, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. (a) This section applies to each student:

- (1) described in section 8(a) of this chapter;
- (2) who is placed in a home or facility in Indiana that is outside the school corporation where the student has legal settlement; and
- (3) for which the state is not obligated to pay transfer tuition.

(b) Not later than ten (10) days after the department of child services or a probation department places or changes the placement of a student, the department of child services or probation department that placed the student shall notify the school corporation where the student has legal settlement and the school corporation where the student will attend school of the placement or change of placement. Before ~~June 30~~ **September 1** of each year, the department of child services or a probation department that places a student in a home or facility shall notify the school corporation where a student has legal settlement and the school corporation in which a student will attend school if a student's placement will continue for the ensuing school year. The notifications required under this subsection must be made by:

- (1) the department of child services, if the child is a child in need of services; or

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(2) if subdivision (1) does not apply, the court or other agency making the placement.

SECTION 2. IC 20-50-2-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 1.1. As used in this chapter, "foster care" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-46.7.**

SECTION 3. IC 20-50-3-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 1.1. As used in this chapter, "foster care" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-9-2-46.7.**

SECTION 4. IC 31-9-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2012, SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 14. (a) "Child abuse or neglect", for purposes of IC 31-32-11-1, IC 31-33, IC 31-34-7-4, and IC 31-39-8-4, refers to a child described in IC 31-34-1-1 through IC 31-34-1-5 and **IC 31-34-1-8 through IC 31-34-1-11**, regardless of whether the child needs care, treatment, rehabilitation, or the coercive intervention of a court.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a), the term under subsection (a) does not refer to a child who is alleged to be a victim of a sexual offense under IC 35-42-4-3 unless the alleged offense under IC 35-42-4-3 involves the fondling or touching of the buttocks, genitals, or female breasts, regardless of whether the child needs care, treatment, rehabilitation, or the coercive intervention of a court.

(c) "Child abuse or neglect", for purposes of IC 31-34-2.3, refers to acts or omissions by a person against a child as described in IC 31-34-1-1 through ~~IC 31-34-1-9~~, **IC 31-34-1-11**, regardless of whether the child needs care, treatment, rehabilitation, or the coercive intervention of a court.

SECTION 5. IC 31-9-2-133.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 133.1. "Victim of human or sexual trafficking", for purposes of IC 31-34-1-3.5, refers to a child who is recruited, harbored, transported, or engaged in:**

- (1) forced labor;**
- (2) involuntary servitude;**
- (3) prostitution;**
- (4) child exploitation, as defined in IC 35-42-4-4(b);**
- (5) marriage, unless authorized by a court under IC 31-11-1-6; or**
- (6) trafficking for the purpose of prostitution or participation in sexual conduct as defined in IC 35-42-4-4(a)(4).**



SECTION 6. IC 31-33-18-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2014, SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 2. The reports and other material described in section 1(a) of this chapter and the unredacted reports and other material described in section 1(b) of this chapter shall be made available only to the following:

- (1) Persons authorized by this article.
- (2) A legally mandated public or private child protective agency investigating a report of child abuse or neglect or treating a child or family that is the subject of a report or record.
- (3) Any of the following who are investigating a report of a child who may be a victim of child abuse or neglect:
  - (A) A police officer or other law enforcement agency.
  - (B) A prosecuting attorney.
  - (C) A coroner, in the case of the death of a child.
- (4) A physician who has before the physician a child whom the physician reasonably suspects may be a victim of child abuse or neglect.
- (5) An individual legally authorized to place a child in protective custody if:
  - (A) the individual has before the individual a child whom the individual reasonably suspects may be a victim of abuse or neglect; and
  - (B) the individual requires the information in the report or record to determine whether to place the child in protective custody.
- (6) An agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to care for, treat, or supervise a child who is the subject of a report or record or a parent, guardian, custodian, or other person who is responsible for the child's welfare.
- (7) An individual named in the report or record who is alleged to be abused or neglected or, if the individual named in the report is a child or is otherwise incompetent, the individual's guardian ad litem or the individual's court appointed special advocate, or both.
- (8) Each parent, guardian, custodian, or other person responsible for the welfare of a child named in a report or record and an attorney of the person described under this subdivision, with protection for the identity of reporters and other appropriate individuals.
- (9) A court, for redaction of the record in accordance with section 1.5 of this chapter, or upon the court's finding that access to the records may be necessary for determination of an issue before the



court. However, except for disclosure of a redacted record in accordance with section 1.5 of this chapter, access is limited to in camera inspection unless the court determines that public disclosure of the information contained in the records is necessary for the resolution of an issue then pending before the court.

~~(10)~~ (10) A grand jury upon the grand jury's determination that access to the records is necessary in the conduct of the grand jury's official business.

~~(11)~~ (11) An appropriate state or local official responsible for child protection services or legislation carrying out the official's official functions.

~~(12)~~ (12) A foster care review board established by a juvenile court under IC 31-34-21-9 (or IC 31-6-4-19 before its repeal) upon the court's determination that access to the records is necessary to enable the foster care review board to carry out the board's purpose under IC 31-34-21.

~~(13)~~ (13) The community child protection team appointed under IC 31-33-3 (or IC 31-6-11-14 before its repeal), upon request, to enable the team to carry out the team's purpose under IC 31-33-3.

~~(14)~~ (14) A person about whom a report has been made, with protection for the identity of:

(A) any person reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect; and

(B) any other person if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of the person.

~~(15)~~ (15) An employee of the department, a caseworker, or a juvenile probation officer conducting a criminal history check under IC 31-26-5, IC 31-34, or IC 31-37 to determine the appropriateness of an out-of-home placement for a:

(A) child at imminent risk of placement;

(B) child in need of services; or

(C) delinquent child.

The results of a criminal history check conducted under this subdivision must be disclosed to a court determining the placement of a child described in clauses (A) through (C).

~~(16)~~ (16) A local child fatality review team established under IC 16-49-2.

~~(17)~~ (17) The statewide child fatality review committee established by IC 16-49-4.

~~(18)~~ (18) The department.

~~(19)~~ (19) The division of family resources, if the investigation



report:

(A) is classified as substantiated; and

(B) concerns:

- (i) an applicant for a license to operate;
- (ii) a person licensed to operate;
- (iii) an employee of; or
- (iv) a volunteer providing services at;

a child care center licensed under IC 12-17.2-4 or a child care home licensed under IC 12-17.2-5.

~~(20)~~ **(19)** A citizen review panel established under IC 31-25-2-20.4.

~~(21)~~ **(20)** The department of child services ombudsman established by IC 4-13-19-3.

~~(22)~~ **(21)** The state superintendent of public instruction with protection for the identity of:

(A) any person reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect; and

(B) any other person if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of the person.

~~(23)~~ **(22)** The state child fatality review coordinator employed by the state department of health under IC 16-49-5-1.

~~(24)~~ **(23)** A person who operates a child caring institution, group home, or secure private facility if all the following apply:

(A) The child caring institution, group home, or secure private facility is licensed under IC 31-27.

(B) The report or other materials concern:

- (i) an employee of;
- (ii) a volunteer providing services at; or
- (iii) a child placed at;

the child caring institution, group home, or secure private facility.

(C) The allegation in the report occurred at the child caring institution, group home, or secure private facility.

~~(25)~~ **(24)** A person who operates a child placing agency if all the following apply:

(A) The child placing agency is licensed under IC 31-27.

(B) The report or other materials concern:

- (i) a child placed in a foster home licensed by the child placing agency;
- (ii) a person licensed by the child placing agency to operate a foster family home;



- (iii) an employee of the child placing agency or a foster family home licensed by the child placing agency; or
- (iv) a volunteer providing services at the child placing agency or a foster family home licensed by the child placing agency.

(C) The allegations in the report occurred in the foster family home or in the course of employment or volunteering at the child placing agency or foster family home.

**(25) The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.**

SECTION 7. IC 31-34-1-3, AS AMENDED BY SEA 26-2016, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) A child is a child in need of services if, before the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age:

(1) the child is the victim of an offense under:

- (A) IC 35-42-4-1;
- (B) IC 35-42-4-2 (before its repeal);
- (C) IC 35-42-4-3;
- (D) IC 35-42-4-4;
- (E) IC 35-42-4-5;**
- (F) IC 35-42-4-6;**
- ~~(G)~~ (G) IC 35-42-4-7;
- (H) IC 35-42-4-8;**
- ~~(I)~~ (I) IC 35-42-4-9;
- ~~(J)~~ (J) IC 35-45-4-1;
- ~~(K)~~ (K) IC 35-45-4-2;
- (L) IC 35-45-4-3;**
- (M) IC 35-45-4-4;**
- ~~(N)~~ (N) IC 35-46-1-3; or
- ~~(O)~~ (O) the law of another jurisdiction, including a military court, that is substantially equivalent to any of the offenses listed in clauses (A) through ~~(I)~~; **(N)**; and

(2) the child needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that:

- (A) the child is not receiving; and
- (B) is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court.

(b) A child is a child in need of services if, before the child becomes eighteen (18) **years of age**, the child:

(1) lives in the same household as an adult who:

- (A) committed an offense described in subsection (a)(1) against a child and the offense resulted in a conviction or a judgment under IC 31-34-11-2; or
- (B) has been charged with an offense described in subsection



- (a)(1) against a child and is awaiting trial; and
- (2) needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that:
  - (A) the child is not receiving; and
  - (B) is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court.
- (c) A child is a child in need of services if, before the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age:**
  - (1) the child lives in the same household as an adult who:**
    - (A) committed a human or sexual trafficking offense under IC 35-42-3.5-1 or the law of another jurisdiction, including federal law, that resulted in a conviction or a judgment under IC 31-34-11-2; or**
    - (B) has been charged with a human or sexual trafficking offense under IC 35-42-3.5-1 or the law of another jurisdiction, including federal law, and is awaiting trial; and**
  - (2) the child needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that:**
    - (A) the child is not receiving; and**
    - (B) is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court.**

SECTION 8. IC 31-34-1-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) A child is a child in need of services if, before the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age:**

- (1) the child is the victim of:**
  - (A) human or sexual trafficking (as defined in IC 31-9-2-133.1); or**
  - (B) a human or sexual trafficking offense under the law of another jurisdiction, including federal law, that is substantially equivalent to the act described in clause (A); and**
- (2) the child needs care, treatment, or rehabilitation that:**
  - (A) the child is not receiving; and**
  - (B) is unlikely to be provided or accepted without the coercive intervention of the court.**
- (b) A child is considered a victim of human or sexual trafficking regardless of whether the child consented to the conduct described in subsection (a)(1).**

SECTION 9. IC 31-34-7-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 4. A person who is accused of committing child abuse or neglect is entitled under ~~IC 31-33-18-2(14)~~ IC 31-33-18-2(13) to access to a report relevant to**



an alleged accusation.

SECTION 10. IC 31-34-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.234-2005, SECTION 180, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. Before complying with the other requirements of this chapter, the juvenile court shall first determine whether the following conditions make it appropriate to appoint a guardian ad litem or a court appointed special advocate, or both, for the child:

- (1) If the child is alleged to be a child in need of services:
  - (A) under IC 31-34-1-6;
  - (B) under IC 31-34-1-10 or IC 31-34-1-11;
  - (C) due to the inability, refusal, or neglect of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to supply the child with the necessary medical care; or
  - (D) because the location of both of the child's parents is unknown;

the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate, or both, for the child.

- (2) If the child is alleged to be a child in need of services under:
  - (A) IC 31-34-1-1;
  - (B) IC 31-34-1-2;
  - (C) IC 31-34-1-3;
  - (D) IC 31-34-1-3.5;**
  - ~~(E)~~ **(E)** IC 31-34-1-4;
  - ~~(F)~~ **(F)** IC 31-34-1-5;
  - ~~(G)~~ **(G)** IC 31-34-1-7; or
  - ~~(H)~~ **(H)** IC 31-34-1-8;

the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem, court appointed special advocate, or both, for the child.

- (3) If the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child denies the allegations of a petition under section 6 of this chapter, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem, court appointed special advocate, or both, for the child.

SECTION 11. IC 31-34-10-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 6. Except if a petition is filed under IC 31-34-1-6 **or IC 31-34-1-3.5**, the juvenile court shall determine whether the parent, guardian, or custodian admits or denies the allegations of the petition. A failure to respond constitutes a denial.

SECTION 12. IC 31-34-10-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 7. If a petition alleges that the child is a child in need of services under IC 31-34-1-6 **or IC 31-34-1-3.5**, the juvenile court shall determine whether the child





admits or denies the allegations. A failure to respond constitutes a denial.

SECTION 13. IC 31-34-12-4.5, AS AMENDED BY SEA 26-2016, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4.5. (a) There is a rebuttable presumption that a child is a child in need of services if the state establishes that the child lives in the same household as an adult who:

- (1) committed an offense described in IC 31-34-1-3 or **IC 31-34-1-3.5** against a child and the offense resulted in a conviction or a judgment under IC 31-34-11-2; or
- (2) has been charged with an offense described in IC 31-34-1-3 or **IC 31-34-1-3.5** against a child and is awaiting trial.

(b) The following may not be used as grounds to rebut the presumption under subsection (a):

- (1) The child who is the victim of the offense described in IC 31-34-1-3 is not genetically related to the adult who committed the act, but the child presumed to be the child in need of services under this section is genetically related to the adult who committed the act.
- (2) The child who is the victim of the offense described in IC 31-34-1-3 differs in age from the child presumed to be the child in need of services under this section.

(c) This section does not affect the ability to take a child into custody or emergency custody under IC 31-34-2 if the act of taking the child into custody or emergency custody is not based upon a presumption established under this section. However, if the presumption established under this section is the sole basis for taking a child into custody or emergency custody under IC 31-34-2, the court first must find cause to take the child into custody or emergency custody following a hearing in which the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child is accorded the rights described in IC 31-34-4-6(a)(2) through IC 31-34-4-6(a)(5).

SECTION 14. IC 31-34-20-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2015, SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to this section and section 1.5 of this chapter, if a child is a child in need of services, the juvenile court may enter one (1) or more of the following dispositional decrees:

- (1) Order supervision of the child by the department.
- (2) Order the child to receive outpatient treatment:
  - (A) at a social service agency or a psychological, a psychiatric, a medical, or an educational facility; or
  - (B) from an individual practitioner.

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(3) Remove the child from the child's home and authorize the department to place the child in another home, shelter care facility, child caring institution, group home, or secure private facility. Placement under this subdivision includes authorization to control and discipline the child.

(4) Award wardship of the child to the department for supervision, care, and placement.

(5) Partially or completely emancipate the child under section 6 of this chapter.

(6) Order the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to complete services recommended by the department and approved by the court under IC 31-34-16, IC 31-34-18, and IC 31-34-19.

(7) Order a person who is a party to refrain from direct or indirect contact with the child.

(8) Order a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect to refrain from returning to the child's residence.

(b) A juvenile court may not place a child in a home or facility that is located outside Indiana unless:

(1) the placement is recommended or approved by the director of the department or the director's designee; or

(2) the juvenile court makes written findings based on clear and convincing evidence that:

(A) the out-of-state placement is appropriate because there is not a comparable facility with adequate services located in Indiana;

**(B) institutional care in the other jurisdiction is in the best interest of the child and will not produce undue hardship;**  
or

~~(B)~~ (C) the location of the home or facility is within a distance not greater than fifty (50) miles from the county of residence of the child.

(c) If a dispositional decree under this section:

(1) orders or approves removal of a child from the child's home or awards wardship of the child to the department; and

(2) is the first juvenile court order in the child in need of services proceeding that authorizes or approves removal of the child from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;

the juvenile court shall include in the decree the appropriate findings and conclusions described in IC 31-34-5-3(b) and IC 31-34-5-3(c).

SECTION 15. IC 31-34-21-5.6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 323, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5.6. **Except as provided in**



**subsection (c)**, a court may make a finding described in this section at any phase of a child in need of services proceeding.

(b) Reasonable efforts to reunify a child with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian or preserve a child's family as described in section 5.5 of this chapter are not required if the court finds any of the following:

(1) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is a child in need of services has been convicted of:

(A) an offense described in IC 31-35-3-4(1)(B) or IC 31-35-3-4(1)(D) through IC 31-35-3-4(1)(J) against a victim who is:

- (i) a child described in IC 31-35-3-4(2); or
- (ii) a parent of the child; or

(B) a comparable offense as described in clause (A) in any other state, territory, or country by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(2) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is a child in need of services:

(A) has been convicted of:

- (i) the murder (IC 35-42-1-1) or voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3) of a victim who is a child described in IC 31-35-3-4(2)(B) or a parent of the child; or
- (ii) a comparable offense described in item (i) in any other state, territory, or country; or

(B) has been convicted of:

- (i) aiding, inducing, or causing another person;
- (ii) attempting; or
- (iii) conspiring with another person;

to commit an offense described in clause (A).

(3) A parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is a child in need of services has been convicted of:

(A) battery as a Class A felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or Level 2 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014);

(B) battery as a Class B felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or Level 3 or Level 4 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014);

(C) battery as a Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or Level 5 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014);

(D) aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5);

(E) criminal recklessness (IC 35-42-2-2) as a Class C felony



(for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014);  
 (F) neglect of a dependent (IC 35-46-1-4) as a Class B felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 1 or Level 3 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014); ~~or~~  
**(G) promotion of human trafficking, promotion of human trafficking of a minor, sexual trafficking of a minor, or human trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1) as a felony; or**  
~~(G)~~ **(H)** a comparable offense described in clauses (A) through ~~(F)~~ **(G) under federal law or** in another state, territory, or country;

against a child described in IC 31-35-3-4(2)(B).

(4) The parental rights of a parent with respect to a biological or adoptive sibling of a child who is a child in need of services have been involuntarily terminated by a court under:

- (A) IC 31-35-2 (involuntary termination involving a delinquent child or a child in need of services);
- (B) IC 31-35-3 (involuntary termination involving an individual convicted of a criminal offense); or
- (C) any comparable law described in clause (A) or (B) in any other state, territory, or country.

(5) The child is an abandoned infant, provided that the court:

- (A) has appointed a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate for the child; and
- (B) after receiving a written report and recommendation from the guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate, and after a hearing, finds that reasonable efforts to locate the child's parents or reunify the child's family would not be in the best interests of the child.

**(c) During or at any time after the first periodic case review under IC 31-34-21-2 of a child in need of services proceeding, if the court finds that a parent, guardian, or custodian of the child has been charged with an offense described in subsection (b)(3) and is awaiting trial, the court may make a finding that reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian or preserve the child's family as described in section 5.5 of this chapter may be suspended pending the disposition of the parent's, guardian's, or custodian's criminal charge.**

SECTION 16. IC 31-34-21-9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]. Sec. 9: (a) The juvenile court may assign cases to a foster care review board established by the court to assist the court in reviewing foster care placements:



(b) The foster care review board shall review a foster care placement at the juvenile court's request and shall file a report, including findings and recommendations with the court.

(c) If the juvenile court believes the contents of a confidential report or document would benefit the review board, the court may provide the review board with an order authorizing disclosure of the document to the review board. The review board may not disclose the contents of a confidential report or document to any person who is not allowed disclosure by the court or by statute.

SECTION 17. IC 31-37-9-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 629, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 1. (a) After the preliminary inquiry and upon approval by the juvenile court, the intake officer may implement a program of informal adjustment if the officer has probable cause to believe that the child is a delinquent child. ~~and the child is not removed from the child's home.~~

(b) If the program of informal adjustment includes services requiring payment by the department under IC 31-40-1, the intake officer shall submit a copy of the proposed program to the department before submitting it to the juvenile court for approval. Upon receipt of the proposed program, the department may submit its comments and recommendations, if any, to the intake officer and the juvenile court.

SECTION 18. IC 31-37-19-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008, SECTION 649, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 3. (a) A juvenile court may not place a child who is a delinquent child under IC 31-37-2 in a shelter care facility that is located outside the child's county of residence unless:

- (1) placement of the child in a shelter care facility with adequate services located in the child's county of residence is unavailable; or
- (2) the child's county of residence does not have an appropriate shelter care facility with adequate services.

(b) A juvenile court may not place a child in a home or facility that is not a secure detention facility and that is located outside Indiana unless:

- (1) the placement is recommended or approved by the director of the department or the director's designee; or
- (2) the court makes written findings based on clear and convincing evidence that:
  - (A) the out-of-state placement is appropriate because there is not a comparable facility with adequate services located in



Indiana;

**(B) institutional care in the other jurisdiction is in the best interest of the child and will not produce undue hardship;**

or

~~(B)~~ **(C) the location of the home or facility is within a distance not more than fifty (50) miles from the county of residence of the child.**

SECTION 19. IC 31-37-20-5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]. Sec. 5: (a) The juvenile court may assign cases to a foster care review board established by the court to assist the court in reviewing foster care placements. The board shall:

(1) review a foster care placement at the juvenile court's request; and

(2) file a report, including findings and recommendations, with the court.

(b) If the juvenile court believes the contents of a confidential report or document would benefit the review board, the court may provide the review board with an order authorizing disclosure of the document to the review board. The review board may not disclose the contents of a confidential report or document to a person who is not allowed disclosure by the court or by statute.

SECTION 20. IC 35-46-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 555, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a person who, with respect to an adoption, transfers or receives any property in connection with the waiver of parental rights, the termination of parental rights, the consent to adoption, or the petition for adoption commits profiting from an adoption, a Level 6 felony.

(b) This section does not apply to the transfer or receipt of:

- (1) reasonable attorney's fees;
- (2) hospital and medical expenses concerning childbirth and pregnancy incurred by the adopted person's birth mother;
- (3) reasonable charges and fees levied by a child placing agency licensed under IC 31-27 or the department of child services;
- (4) reasonable expenses for psychological counseling relating to adoption incurred by the adopted person's birth parents;
- (5) reasonable costs of housing, utilities, and phone service for the adopted person's birth mother during the second or third trimester of pregnancy and not more than six (6) weeks after childbirth;
- (6) reasonable costs of maternity clothing for the adopted person's birth mother;



(7) reasonable travel expenses incurred by the adopted person's birth mother that relate to the pregnancy or adoption;

(8) any additional itemized necessary living expenses for the adopted person's birth mother during the second or third trimester of pregnancy and not more than six (6) weeks after childbirth, not listed in subdivisions (5) through (7) in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000); or

(9) other charges and fees approved by the court supervising the adoption, including reimbursement of not more than actual wages lost as a result of the inability of the adopted person's birth mother to work at her regular, existing employment due to a medical condition, excluding a psychological condition, if:

(A) the attending physician of the adopted person's birth mother has ordered or recommended that the adopted person's birth mother discontinue her employment; and

(B) the medical condition and its direct relationship to the pregnancy of the adopted person's birth mother are documented by her attending physician.

In determining the amount of reimbursable lost wages, if any, that are reasonably payable to the adopted person's birth mother under subdivision (9), the court shall offset against the reimbursable lost wages any amounts paid to the adopted person's birth mother under subdivisions (5) and (8) and any unemployment compensation received by or owed to the adopted person's birth mother.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection, payments made under subsection (b)(5) through (b)(9) may not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and must be disclosed to the court supervising the adoption. The amounts paid under subsection (b)(5) through (b)(9) may exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to the extent that a court in Indiana with jurisdiction over the child who is the subject of the adoption approves the expenses after determining that:

(1) the expenses are not being offered as an inducement to proceed with an adoption; and

(2) failure to make the payments may seriously jeopardize the health of either the child or the mother of the child and the direct relationship is documented by a licensed social worker or the attending physician.

(d) The payment limitation under subsection (c) applies to the total amount paid under subsection (b)(5) through (b)(9) in connection with an adoption from all prospective adoptive parents, attorneys, and licensed child placing agencies.

(e) An attorney or licensed child placing agency shall inform a birth



mother of the penalties for committing adoption deception under section 9.5 of this chapter before the attorney or agency transfers a payment for adoption related expenses under subsection (b) in relation to the birth mother.

(f) The limitations in this section apply regardless of the state or country in which the adoption is finalized.





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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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**SEA 305 — Concur**

