

## **IC 31-17-7**

### **Chapter 7. Costs and Attorney's Fees**

#### **IC 31-17-7-1**

##### **Costs and attorney's fees; order for direct payment to attorney**

Sec. 1. (a) The court periodically may order a party to pay a reasonable amount for the cost to the other party of maintaining or defending any proceeding under IC 31-17-2, IC 31-17-4, IC 31-17-6, or this chapter and for attorney's fees and mediation services, including amounts for legal services provided and costs incurred before the commencement of the proceedings or after entry of judgment.

(b) The court may order the amount to be paid directly to the attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's name.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.199-1997, SEC.6.*

#### **IC 31-17-7-2**

##### **Exemption for agencies**

Sec. 2. Neither costs nor attorney's fees may be taxed against an agency or its agents that is authorized to maintain proceedings under IC 31-17-2, IC 31-17-4, IC 31-17-6, or this chapter by Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 through 669) and IC 31-25-4-17.

*As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.145-2006, SEC.241.*