



January 30, 2009

HOUSE BILL No. 1063

DIGEST OF HB 1063 (Updated January 28, 2009 12:19 pm - DI 107)

Citations Affected: IC 31-36; IC 34-30.

Synopsis: Youth shelters. Provides that an emergency shelter, a shelter care facility, or a program that provides services to homeless or low income individuals may provide shelter and certain other related services or items to a child without the permission of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian. Provides immunity from civil liability for a youth shelter and its director, employees, agents, and volunteers for any act or omission related to admitting, caring for, or releasing a runaway or homeless youth.

Effective: July 1, 2009.

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January 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.
January 29, 2009, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 116th General Assembly (2009)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2008 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning juvenile law and civil procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-36-3-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2008,
 2 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. **An emergency shelter, a shelter care facility,
 4 or a program that provides services or items that are directly
 5 related to providing shelter to individuals who:**
 6 (1) **are homeless; or**
 7 (2) **have a low income;**
 8 ~~A child may receive~~ **provide** shelter and services or items that are
 9 directly related to providing shelter to ~~the a child from:~~
 10 (1) ~~an emergency shelter;~~
 11 (2) ~~a shelter care facility; or~~
 12 (3) ~~a program that provides services or items that are directly~~
 13 ~~related to providing shelter to individuals who are homeless or~~
 14 ~~have a low income;~~
 15 without the notification, consent, or permission of the child's parent,
 16 guardian, or custodian.
 17 SECTION 2. IC 34-30-25 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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1 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2009]:

3 **Chapter 25. Immunity for Youth Shelters**

4 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "necessary services" means the**
5 **following:**

- 6 (1) **Engaging in outreach services to locate and assist runaway**
7 **or homeless youths.**
- 8 (2) **Providing food and access to overnight shelter to a**
9 **runaway or homeless youth.**
- 10 (3) **Counseling a runaway or homeless youth to address**
11 **immediate psychological or emotional problems.**
- 12 (4) **Screening a runaway or homeless youth for basic health**
13 **needs and referring a runaway or homeless youth to public**
14 **and private agencies for health care.**
- 15 (5) **Providing long term planning, placement, and follow-up**
16 **services to a runaway or homeless youth.**
- 17 (6) **Referring a runaway or homeless youth to any other**
18 **assistance or services offered by public and private agencies.**

19 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "runaway or homeless youth"**
20 **means an individual who:**

- 21 (1) **is:**
 - 22 (A) **at least twelve (12) years of age; and**
 - 23 (B) **less than eighteen (18) years of age;**
- 24 (2) **is unemancipated;**
- 25 (3) **is mentally competent; and**
- 26 (4) **lives in a situation described in:**
 - 27 (A) **42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)(B)(ii); or**
 - 28 (B) **42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)(B)(iii);**
- 29 **with or without the consent or knowledge of the individual's**
30 **parent, guardian, or custodian.**

31 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "youth shelter" means an entity**
32 **that:**

- 33 (1) **is not operated for profit; and**
- 34 (2) **provides, at a minimum, necessary services to runaway or**
35 **homeless youths.**

36 **Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a youth**
37 **shelter and the director, employees, agents, and volunteers of a**
38 **youth shelter are immune from civil liability resulting from any act**
39 **or omission related to:**

- 40 (1) **admitting a runaway or homeless youth to;**
- 41 (2) **caring for a runaway or homeless youth at; or**
- 42 (3) **releasing a runaway or homeless youth from;**

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1 **the youth shelter.**
2 **Sec. 5. This chapter does not grant immunity from civil liability**
3 **to a person who commits an act that amounts to gross negligence**
4 **or willful and wanton misconduct.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1063, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

SUMMERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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