

# COMMITTEE REPORT

## MADAM PRESIDENT:

**The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 59, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:**

- 1           Replace the effective dates in SECTIONS 1 through 10 with  
2           "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".
- 3           Page 6, after line 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
4           "SECTION 11. IC 31-17-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
5           FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The court  
6           periodically may order a party to pay a reasonable amount for the cost  
7           to the other party of maintaining or defending any proceeding under  
8           IC 31-17-2, IC 31-17-4, **IC 31-17-5**, IC 31-17-6, or this chapter and for  
9           attorney's fees and mediation services, including amounts for legal  
10          services provided and costs incurred before the commencement of the  
11          proceedings or after entry of judgment.
- 12          (b) The court may order the amount to be paid directly to the  
13          attorney, who may enforce the order in the attorney's name.
- 14          SECTION 12. IC 31-17-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,  
15          SECTION 241, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16          [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2. Neither costs nor attorney's  
17          fees may be taxed against an agency or its agents that is authorized to  
18          maintain proceedings under IC 31-17-2, IC 31-17-4, **IC 31-17-5**,  
19          IC 31-17-6, or this chapter by Title IV-D of the federal Social Security  
20          Act (42 U.S.C. 651 through 669) and IC 31-25-4-17.

1           **SECTION 13. An emergency is declared for this act."**  
(Reference is to SB 59 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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**Chairperson**