

HOUSE BILL No. 1322

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Child welfare study. Requires the Indiana advisory commission on intergovernmental relations to study various matters regarding child welfare and to submit a report of the results of the study to the legislative council not later than January 1, 2012.

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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January 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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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 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning family law and juvenile law.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011] (a) As used in this
- 2 SECTION, "commission" means the Indiana advisory commission
- 3 on intergovernmental relations established by IC 4-23-24.2-4.
- 4 (b) The commission shall study the general condition of welfare
- 5 programs for children in Indiana, including the following for the
- 6 previous five (5) calendar years:
 - 7 (1) The number and disposition of child abuse and neglect
 - 8 reports.
 - 9 (2) Child welfare expenditures.
 - 10 (3) The number of children placed in treatment facilities in
 - 11 Indiana and costs for the placements.
 - 12 (4) The number of children placed in treatment facilities
 - 13 outside Indiana and costs for the placements.
 - 14 (5) The organizational and administrative changes of the
 - 15 office of the secretary of family and social services and the
 - 16 department of child services, including the number and titles
 - 17 of:
 - 18 (A) employees in management and supervisory positions;



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- and**
- (B) employees who have direct contact with the public.**
- (6) The educational requirements for, pay scale of, and benefits of employees described in subdivision (5)(B).**
- (7) An accounting of state and federal funds that the department of child services has appropriated to service providers.**
- (8) The process of awarding the funds described under subdivision (7) to service providers.**
- (9) An accounting of costs of litigation and lawsuit settlements involving the department of child services.**
- (10) The number of children:**
 - (A) detained;**
 - (B) committed; and**
 - (C) removed from their homes;****by the department of child services.**
- (11) The amount of time each child described under subdivision (10) was detained, committed, or removed from the child's home.**
- (12) The costs of detaining, committing, or removing the child.**
- (13) The total number of child deaths in Indiana.**
- (14) The total number of children who died while wards of the department of child services.**
- (15) The educational requirements of the department of child services ombudsman.**
- (16) The costs and staff of the office of the department of child services ombudsman.**
- (c) The commission shall submit a report of the results of its study to the legislative council not later than January 1, 2012. The report submitted to the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**
- (d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2012.**

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