
HOUSE BILL No. 1481

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-14-11-18; IC 31-16-6-6.

Synopsis: Duty to support a child. Provides that the duty to support a child ceases when the child becomes 19 years of age. (Current law provides that the duty to support a child ceases when the child becomes 21 years of age.)

Effective: July 1, 2011.

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A BILL FOR 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:

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-14-11-18 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 18. The duty to support
3 a child under this article (or IC 31-6-6.1 before its repeal) ceases when
4 the child becomes ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **nineteen (19)** years of age unless
5 either of the following conditions occurs:

6 (1) The child is emancipated before the child becomes ~~twenty-one~~
7 ~~(21)~~ **nineteen (19)** years of age. If this occurs, the child support,
8 except for educational needs, terminates at the time of
9 emancipation. However, an order for educational needs may
10 continue in effect until further order of the court.

11 (2) The child is incapacitated. If this occurs, the child support
12 continues during the incapacity or until further order of the court.

13 SECTION 2. IC 31-16-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.80-2010,
14 SECTION 30, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 6. (a) The duty to support a child under this
16 chapter ceases when the child becomes ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **nineteen (19)**
17 years of age unless any of the following conditions occurs:



1 (1) The child is emancipated before becoming ~~twenty-one (21)~~
 2 **nineteen (19)** years of age. In this case the child support, except
 3 for the educational needs outlined in section 2(a)(1) of this
 4 chapter, terminates at the time of emancipation, although an order
 5 for educational needs may continue in effect until further order of
 6 the court.

7 (2) The child is incapacitated. In this case the child support
 8 continues during the incapacity or until further order of the court.

9 (3) The child:

10 (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

11 (B) has not attended a secondary school or postsecondary
 12 educational institution for the prior four (4) months and is not
 13 enrolled in a secondary school or postsecondary educational
 14 institution; and

15 (C) is or is capable of supporting himself or herself through
 16 employment.

17 In this case the child support terminates upon the court's finding
 18 that the conditions prescribed in this subdivision exist. However,
 19 if the court finds that the conditions set forth in clauses (A)
 20 through (C) are met but that the child is only partially supporting
 21 or is capable of only partially supporting himself or herself, the
 22 court may order that support be modified instead of terminated.

23 (b) For purposes of determining if a child is emancipated under
 24 subsection (a)(1), if the court finds that the child:

25 (1) is on active duty in the United States armed services;

26 (2) has married; or

27 (3) is not under the care or control of:

28 (A) either parent; or

29 (B) an individual or agency approved by the court;

30 the court shall find the child emancipated and terminate the child
 31 support.

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