

SENATE BILL No. 114

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-7-2-131.8; IC 12-17.2.

Synopsis: National criminal background checks for child care. Requires child care provider applicants, employees, and volunteers to undergo national criminal history background checks. Amends the list of convictions for which an individual is prohibited from being employed by or volunteering for a child care ministry. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the committee on child care.)

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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January 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-7-2-131.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 131.8. "National criminal history**
4 **background check", for purposes of IC 12-17.2, means a national**
5 **criminal history background check conducted by the state police**
6 **department under IC 10-13-3-39.**

7 SECTION 2. IC 12-17.2-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2009,
8 SECTION 105, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 1. The division shall perform the
10 following duties:

- 11 (1) Administer the licensing and monitoring of child care centers
12 or child care homes in accordance with this article.
- 13 (2) Ensure that a national criminal history background check of
14 the applicant is completed ~~through the state police department~~
15 ~~under IC 10-13-3-39~~ before issuing a license.
- 16 (3) Ensure that a **national** criminal history background check of
17 a child care ministry applicant for registration is completed before



- 1 registering the child care ministry.
 2 (4) Provide for the issuance, denial, suspension, and revocation of
 3 licenses.
 4 (5) Cooperate with governing bodies of child care centers and
 5 child care homes and their staffs to improve standards of child
 6 care.
 7 (6) Prepare at least biannually a directory of licensees with a
 8 description of the program capacity and type of children served
 9 that will be distributed to the legislature, licensees, and other
 10 interested parties as a public document.
 11 (7) Deposit all license application fees collected under section 2
 12 of this chapter in the division of family resources child care fund
 13 established by IC 12-17.2-2-3.
 14 (8) Require each child care center or child care home to record
 15 proof of a child's date of birth before accepting the child. A child's
 16 date of birth may be proven by the child's original birth certificate
 17 or other reliable proof of the child's date of birth, including a duly
 18 attested transcript of a birth certificate.
 19 (9) Provide an Internet site through which members of the public
 20 may obtain the following information:
 21 (A) Information concerning violations of this article by a
 22 licensed child care provider, including:
 23 (i) the identity of the child care provider;
 24 (ii) the date of the violation; and
 25 (iii) action taken by the division in response to the violation.
 26 (B) Current status of a child care provider's license.
 27 (C) Other relevant information.
 28 The Internet site may not contain the address of a child care home
 29 or information identifying an individual child. However, the site
 30 may include the county and ZIP code in which a child care home
 31 is located.
 32 (10) Provide or approve training concerning safe sleeping
 33 practices for children to:
 34 (A) a provider who operates a child care program in the
 35 provider's home as described in IC 12-17.2-3.5-5.5(b); and
 36 (B) a child care home licensed under IC 12-17.2-5;
 37 including practices to reduce the risk of sudden infant death
 38 syndrome.
 39 SECTION 3. IC 12-17.2-3.5-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2006,
 40 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 41 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 12. (a) Except as provided in subsection (f), a
 42 provider shall, at no expense to the state, maintain and make available

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1 to the division upon request a copy of a ~~limited~~ **national** criminal
2 history **background check** for:

- 3 (1) the provider, if the provider is an individual;
4 (2) if the provider operates a child care program in the provider's
5 home, any individual who resides with the provider and who is:
6 (A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; or
7 (B) less than eighteen (18) years of age but has previously
8 been waived from juvenile court to adult court; and
9 (3) any individual who:
10 (A) is employed; or
11 (B) volunteers;
12 as a caregiver at the facility where the provider operates a child
13 care program.

14 A provider shall apply for a ~~limited~~ **national** criminal history
15 **background check** for an individual described in subdivision (3)
16 before the individual is employed or allowed to volunteer as a
17 caregiver.

18 (b) In addition to the requirement under subsection (a), a provider
19 shall report to the division any:

- 20 (1) police investigations;
21 (2) arrests; and
22 (3) criminal convictions;

23 not listed on a ~~limited~~ **national** criminal history **background check**
24 obtained under subsection (a) regarding any of the persons listed in
25 subsection (a).

26 (c) A provider that meets the other eligibility requirements of this
27 chapter is temporarily eligible to receive voucher payments until the
28 provider receives the ~~limited~~ **national** criminal history **background**
29 **check** required under subsection (a) from the state police department
30 if:

- 31 (1) the provider:
32 (A) has applied for the ~~limited~~ **national** criminal history
33 **background check** required under subsection (a); and
34 (B) obtains a local criminal history for the individuals
35 described in subsection (a) from each individual's local law
36 enforcement agency before the individual is employed or
37 allowed to volunteer as a caregiver; and
38 (2) the local criminal history does not reveal that an individual
39 has been convicted of a:
40 (A) felony;
41 (B) misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child;
42 (C) misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a

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1 license under IC 12-17.2-4-35; or

2 (D) misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
3 license under IC 12-17.2-5-35.

4 (d) A provider is ineligible to receive a voucher payment if an
5 individual for whom a **limited national criminal history background**
6 **check** is required under this section has been convicted of a:

7 (1) felony;

8 (2) misdemeanor related to the health or safety of a child;

9 (3) misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a
10 license under IC 12-17.2-4-35; or

11 (4) misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
12 license under IC 12-17.2-5-35;

13 until the individual is dismissed from employment or volunteer service
14 at the facility where the provider operates a child care program or no
15 longer resides with the provider.

16 (e) A provider shall maintain a written policy requiring an
17 individual for whom a **limited national criminal history background**
18 **check** is required under this section to report any criminal convictions
19 of the individual to the provider.

20 (f) The state police department may not charge a church or religious
21 society any fees or costs for responding to a request for a release of a
22 **limited national criminal history background check** record of a
23 prospective or current employee or a prospective or current volunteer
24 of a child care ministry registered under IC 12-17.2-6 if the conditions
25 set forth in IC 10-13-3-36(f) are met.

26 SECTION 4. IC 12-17.2-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
27 SECTION 97, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
28 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. (a) An applicant must apply for a child care
29 center license on forms provided by the division.

30 (b) An applicant must submit the required information as part of the
31 application.

32 (c) The applicant must submit with the application a statement
33 attesting that the applicant:

34 (1) has not been convicted of:

35 (A) a felony;

36 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health or safety of children;

37 (C) a misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a
38 license under section 35 of this chapter; or

39 (D) a misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
40 license under IC 12-17.2-5-35; and

41 (2) has not been charged with:

42 (A) a felony;

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- 1 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health or safety of children;
- 2 (C) a misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a
- 3 license under section 35 of this chapter; or
- 4 (D) a misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
- 5 license under IC 12-17.2-5-35;
- 6 during the pendency of the application.
- 7 (d) An applicant must submit the necessary information, forms, or
- 8 consents for the division to obtain a national criminal history
- 9 background check on the applicant. ~~through the state police department~~
- 10 ~~under IC 10-13-3-39.~~
- 11 (e) The applicant must do the following:
- 12 (1) Conduct a **national** criminal history **background** check of the
- 13 applicant's employees and volunteers.
- 14 (2) Maintain records of each criminal history check.
- 15 SECTION 5. IC 12-17.2-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
- 16 SECTION 100, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 3. (a) An applicant must apply for
- 18 a child care home license on forms provided by the division.
- 19 (b) An applicant must submit the required information as part of the
- 20 application.
- 21 (c) An applicant must submit with the application a statement
- 22 attesting that the applicant has not been:
- 23 (1) convicted of:
- 24 (A) a felony;
- 25 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health or safety of children;
- 26 (C) a misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a
- 27 license under IC 12-17.2-4-35; or
- 28 (D) a misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
- 29 license under section 35 of this chapter; and
- 30 (2) charged with:
- 31 (A) a felony;
- 32 (B) a misdemeanor relating to the health or safety of children;
- 33 (C) a misdemeanor for operating a child care center without a
- 34 license under IC 12-17.2-4-35; or
- 35 (D) a misdemeanor for operating a child care home without a
- 36 license under section 35 of this chapter;
- 37 during the pendency of the application.
- 38 (d) An applicant must submit the necessary information, forms, or
- 39 consents for the division to:
- 40 (1) conduct a **national** criminal history **background** check on the
- 41 applicant's spouse; and
- 42 (2) obtain a national criminal history background check on the

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- 1 applicant. through the state police department under
 2 ~~IC 10-13-3-39~~.
- 3 (e) An applicant must do the following:
- 4 (1) Conduct a **national** criminal history **background** check of the
 5 applicant's:
- 6 (A) employees;
- 7 (B) volunteers; and
- 8 (C) household members who are:
- 9 (i) at least eighteen (18) years of age; or
- 10 (ii) less than eighteen (18) years of age but have previously
 11 been waived from juvenile court to adult court.
- 12 (2) Maintain records of each criminal history check.
- 13 SECTION 6. IC 12-17.2-6-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.124-2007,
 14 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 14. The child care ministry must do the following:
- 16 (1) Conduct a **national** criminal history **background** check of the
 17 child care ministry's employees and volunteers.
- 18 (2) Refrain from employing, or allowing to serve as a volunteer,
 19 an individual who:
- 20 (A) has been convicted of any of the following felonies:
- 21 (i) Murder (~~IC 35-42-1-1~~);
- 22 (ii) Causing suicide (~~IC 35-42-1-2~~);
- 23 (iii) Assisting suicide (~~IC 35-42-1-2.5~~);
- 24 (iv) Voluntary manslaughter (~~IC 35-42-1-3~~);
- 25 (v) Reckless homicide (~~IC 35-42-1-5~~);
- 26 (vi) Battery (~~IC 35-42-2-1~~);
- 27 (vii) Aggravated battery (~~IC 35-42-2-1.5~~);
- 28 (viii) Kidnapping (~~IC 35-42-3-2~~);
- 29 (ix) Criminal confinement (~~IC 35-42-3-3~~);
- 30 (x) A felony sex offense under ~~IC 35-42-4~~;
- 31 (xi) Carjacking (~~IC 35-42-5-2~~);
- 32 (xii) Arson (~~IC 35-43-1-1~~);
- 33 (xiii) Incest (~~IC 35-46-1-3~~);
- 34 (xiv) Neglect of a dependent (~~IC 35-46-1-4(a)(1)~~ and
 35 ~~IC 35-46-1-4(a)(2)~~);
- 36 (xv) Child selling (~~IC 35-46-1-4(d)~~);
- 37 (xvi) A felony involving a weapon under ~~IC 35-47~~ or
 38 ~~IC 35-47.5~~;
- 39 (xvii) A felony relating to controlled substances under
 40 ~~IC 35-48-4~~;
- 41 (xviii) An offense relating to material or a performance that
 42 is harmful to minors or obscene under ~~IC 35-49-3~~;

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- 1 (xix) A felony that is substantially equivalent to a felony
- 2 listed in items (i) through (xviii) for which the conviction
- 3 was entered in another state: **a felony;**
- 4 **(B) has been convicted of a misdemeanor related to the health**
- 5 **or safety of a child;**
- 6 **(C) has been convicted of a misdemeanor under**
- 7 **IC 12-17.2-4-35 for operating a child care center without**
- 8 **a license;**
- 9 **(D) has been convicted of a misdemeanor under**
- 10 **IC 12-17.2-5-35 for operating a child care home without a**
- 11 **license; or**
- 12 ~~(E)~~ **(E) is a person against whom an allegation of child abuse**
- 13 **or neglect has been substantiated under IC 31-33.**
- 14 **(3) Maintain records of each criminal history check.**

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