

# HOUSE BILL No. 1272

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 11-8-1-11; IC 11-10-3; IC 11-12-4-1; IC 34-30-2-39.8; IC 35-52-11-4.

**Synopsis:** Health care for incarcerated women. Requires the department of correction (department) to provide free toilet paper, tampons, and pads to any incarcerated woman held by the department. Requires the department to create and implement written policies that do the following: (1) Provide women with access to: (A) conventional beds; or (B) bottom bunks; during pregnancy or the six weeks following the delivery of a child, as applicable, in order to minimize the risk of serious injury in the event of a fall. (2) Require the timely reporting of certain obstetric emergencies to a physician or qualified medical professional. (3) Comply with specified requirements concerning the use of restraints, shackles, and restraint techniques on pregnant and postpartum women. (4) Require correctional officers to remain outside of delivery rooms in certain instances. Provides the department with rulemaking and emergency rulemaking authority for the purpose of creating and implementing certain practices and policies. Requires the department to adopt specified standards that apply to county jails. Provides that: (1) agents; (2) employees; and (3) persons contracted to work on behalf of the department; are immune from civil liability, damages, and punitive damages, for certain acts or omissions. Specifies an exception. Makes conforming amendments.

**Effective:** July 1, 2022.

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January 10, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Courts and Criminal Code.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-8-1-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2022]: **Sec. 11. "Postpartum period", for purposes of**  
4 **IC 11-10-3-3.2, has the meaning set forth in IC 11-10-3-3.2(a).**

5 SECTION 2. IC 11-10-3-2.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 2022]: **Sec. 2.8. (a) The department shall provide free toilet**  
8 **paper, tampons, nursing pads, and menstrual pads to any**  
9 **incarcerated woman held by the department.**

10 **(b) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including**  
11 **emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to implement this section.**

12 SECTION 3. IC 11-10-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: **Sec. 3. (a) Necessary**  
14 **prenatal, and postnatal, and postpartum care and treatment shall be**  
15 **provided to women who are pregnant consistent with acceptable**  
16 **medical practice and standards** ~~When possible, arrangements shall be~~  
17 ~~made for children to be born in a hospital outside the correctional~~



1 facility. If a child is born in a correctional facility, this fact may not be  
 2 mentioned on the birth certificate. and must include the creation and  
 3 implementation of written policies that do the following:

4 (1) Provide women with access to:

5 (A) conventional beds; or

6 (B) bottom bunks;

7 during pregnancy or the six (6) weeks following the delivery  
 8 of a child, as applicable, in order to minimize the risk of  
 9 serious injury in the event of a fall.

10 (2) Require the timely reporting of bleeding, extreme pain,  
 11 leaking fluid, eclamptic seizures, or any other obstetric  
 12 emergency to a physician or qualified medical professional.

13 (3) Restrict the use of restraints and shackles on pregnant and  
 14 postpartum women in a manner that complies with section 3.2  
 15 of this chapter.

16 (4) Require correctional officers to remain outside of any  
 17 room where a child is being delivered unless:

18 (A) the mother; or

19 (B) a qualified medical professional;

20 asks for a correctional officer to be present.

21 (b) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including  
 22 emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to implement this section.

23 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any:

24 (1) agent of the department;

25 (2) employee of the department; or

26 (3) person contracted to work on behalf of the department;  
 27 to risk their health or safety in order to implement this section.

28 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), no person shall be  
 29 subject to civil liability or damages, including punitive damages,  
 30 for any act or omission that is consistent with the requirements of  
 31 this section and undertaken in good faith. If a person is granted  
 32 civil immunity under this subsection, no other person may be  
 33 subject to civil liability or damages, including punitive damages, by  
 34 reason of an agency relationship between the parties.

35 (e) The immunity described in subsection (d) does not apply to  
 36 an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful and  
 37 wanton misconduct.

38 SECTION 4. IC 11-10-3-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 39 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 40 1, 2022]: Sec. 3.2. (a) As used in this section, "postpartum period"  
 41 means the six (6) week period immediately following the delivery  
 42 of a child.



1           **(b) This section applies only to pregnant and postpartum women**  
2 **who are incarcerated and being held at a facility affiliated with the**  
3 **department.**

4           **(c) Subject to subsection (d), a rebuttable presumption**  
5 **prohibiting the use of shackles or restraints shall be established for**  
6 **the following individuals:**

7           **(1) An inmate being transported to a hospital or medical**  
8 **facility during labor.**

9           **(2) An inmate undergoing any phase of labor.**

10           **(3) An inmate in the process of delivering a child.**

11           **(4) An inmate during her postpartum period.**

12           **(d) The rebuttable presumption described in subsection (c) does**  
13 **not apply to an inmate who presents:**

14           **(1) an immediate and serious threat of harm to:**

15           **(A) herself;**

16           **(B) department staff; or**

17           **(C) any other third party; or**

18           **(2) a substantial flight risk that cannot be reasonably deterred**  
19 **or prevented by other means.**

20           **(e) If, prior to labor, the use of restraints or shackles are**  
21 **necessary to ensure the safety of the inmate, department staff, or**  
22 **other third parties, only the least restrictive means to secure the**  
23 **inmate may be used.**

24           **(f) A restraint, shackle, or restraint procedure meets the least**  
25 **restrictive requirement described in subsection (e) if all of the**  
26 **following conditions apply:**

27           **(1) The restraint, shackle, or restraint technique mitigates the**  
28 **possibility of adverse medical consequences for the inmate or**  
29 **her fetus as determined by a qualified medical professional.**

30           **(2) A qualified medical professional was consulted about the**  
31 **use of a specific restraint, shackle, or restraint technique prior**  
32 **to the application of the restraint, shackle, or restraint**  
33 **technique.**

34           **(3) Written approval concerning the use of the restraint,**  
35 **shackle, or restraint technique was obtained from the warden**  
36 **or a person of comparable executive authority prior to the**  
37 **application of the restraint, shackle, or restraint technique.**

38           **(4) Correctional officers are available to remove any applied**  
39 **restraint or shackle upon request by qualified medical**  
40 **personnel during the course of a medical procedure or**  
41 **examination.**

42           **(g) Notwithstanding any other law or provision, the following**



1 restraints and restraint techniques are prohibited:

2 (1) Abdominal restraints.

3 (2) Four (4) point restraints.

4 (3) The placement of a pregnant inmate in a face down  
5 position.

6 (4) Any leg restraint, leg shackle, or restraint procedure that  
7 increases the risk of a forward fall.

8 (5) Any leg restraint, leg shackle, or restraint procedure that  
9 links one (1) inmate to another inmate.

10 (6) Any other restraint or shackle that could result in adverse  
11 medical consequences for an inmate or her fetus as  
12 determined by a qualified medical professional.

13 (h) The requirements specified in this section shall be  
14 conspicuously displayed in every location where medical care is  
15 provided to female inmates.

16 (i) The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including  
17 emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, to implement this section.

18 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any:

19 (1) agent of the department;

20 (2) employee of the department; or

21 (3) person contracted to work on behalf of the department;  
22 to risk their health or safety in order to implement this section.

23 (k) Except as provided in subsection (l), no person shall be  
24 subject to civil liability or damages, including punitive damages,  
25 for any act or omission that is consistent with the requirements of  
26 this section and undertaken in good faith. If a person is granted  
27 civil immunity under this subsection, no other person may be  
28 subject to civil liability or damages, including punitive damages, by  
29 reason of an agency relationship between the parties.

30 (l) The immunity described in subsection (k) does not apply to  
31 an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or willful and  
32 wanton misconduct.

33 (m) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this  
34 chapter commits unlawful application of a restraint or restraint  
35 technique, a Class A misdemeanor.

36 SECTION 5. IC 11-12-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 1. (a) The department  
38 shall adopt under IC 4-22-2 minimum standards for county jails  
39 governing:

40 (1) general physical and environmental conditions;

41 (2) services and programs to be provided to confined persons; and

42 (3) procedures for the care and control of confined persons that



1           are necessary to ensure the health and safety of confined persons,  
 2           the security of the jail, and public safety.  
 3       However, the department may not adopt any standard that prohibits the  
 4       placement of more than one (1) prisoner in a prisoner cell that has  
 5       thirty-five (35) square feet or more of floor space per prisoner.

6           (b) The standards must be sufficiently flexible to foster the  
 7       development of new and improved practices and to accommodate local  
 8       needs and circumstances. The standards must be consistent with the  
 9       laws of Indiana and the rules of the state department of health and the  
 10      fire prevention and building safety commission.

11          **(c) Standards adopted under this section must comply with the**  
 12      **specifications and requirements described under:**

13           **(1) IC 11-10-3-2.8;**

14           **(2) IC 11-10-3-3; and**

15           **(3) IC 11-10-3-3.2.**

16          ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The commissioner shall select a committee of not less than  
 17      five (5) county sheriffs to consult with the department before and  
 18      during the drafting of the proposed minimum standards. County  
 19      sheriffs shall be selected from the various classes of counties to ensure  
 20      that densely, moderately, and sparsely populated counties are  
 21      represented. Each county sheriff is entitled to the minimum salary per  
 22      diem as provided in IC 4-10-11-2.1 for each day engaged in the official  
 23      business of the committee and to reimbursement for traveling and other  
 24      expenses, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures  
 25      established by the Indiana department of administration and approved  
 26      by the budget agency.

27          ~~(d)~~ **(e)** At least sixty (60) days before setting the date for a public  
 28      hearing under IC 4-22-2, the department shall forward copies of the  
 29      proposed minimum standards to each county sheriff and each board of  
 30      county commissioners and shall solicit their views and suggestions.

31          SECTION 6. IC 34-30-2-39.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 32      CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 33      [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022]: **Sec. 39.8. (a) IC 11-10-3-3**  
 34      **(Concerning prenatal, postnatal, and postpartum care and**  
 35      **counseling by the department of correction).**

36          **(b) IC 11-10-3-3.2 (Concerning the use of restraints on pregnant**  
 37      **and postpartum inmates).**

38          SECTION 7. IC 35-52-11-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 39      AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 40      1, 2022]: **Sec. 4. IC 11-10-3-3.2 defines a crime concerning the use**  
 41      **of restraints on pregnant and postpartum inmates.**

