

# HOUSE BILL No. 1497

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-25-2-7.5.

**Synopsis:** Foster care services information clearinghouse. Requires the department of child services, in collaboration with courts, juvenile courts, and school corporations, to develop, maintain, and make readily available an information clearinghouse for foster care youth and individuals who are at least 18 years of age and emancipated from the foster care program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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.

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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 31-25-2-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2019]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) The department, in collaboration with courts,  
4 juvenile courts, and school corporations (as defined in  
5 IC 20-18-2-16(g)), shall develop and maintain an information  
6 clearinghouse on the following subjects as a reference for  
7 individuals described in subsection (b):**  
8 (1) **Health programs and services.**  
9 (2) **Financial programs, resources, and services.**  
10 (3) **Social services.**  
11 (4) **Homework help programs.**  
12 (5) **Education programs, including the following:**  
13 (A) **Trade, technical, and vocational schools.**  
14 (B) **Online educational programs.**  
15 (6) **Scholarships, grants, and financial aid.**  
16 (7) **Employment programs, service careers, and military  
17 service.**



- 1           **(b) The information maintained under this section must be**
- 2 **made readily available for:**
- 3           **(1) foster care youth; and**
- 4           **(2) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and**
- 5           **emancipated from the foster care program.**
- 6           **(c) The department, courts, juvenile courts, and school**
- 7 **corporations shall:**
- 8           **(1) compile an electronic data base that includes the**
- 9           **information maintained under this section; and**
- 10           **(2) post the information on their respective Internet web sites.**
- 11           **(d) The information maintained under this section shall be**
- 12 **updated at least monthly.**

