

SENATE BILL No. 151

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-34-21-4.5.

Synopsis: Foster parent intervention in CHINS proceeding. Requires the court conducting a periodic case review of a child in need of services to grant a petition to intervene in the proceeding filed by a foster parent, long term foster parent, or former foster parent of the child if: (1) the foster parent, long term foster parent, or former foster parent has filed a petition to adopt the child; or (2) a petition has been filed to terminate the parent-child relationship of the child and the child's parents.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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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 31-34-21-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.183-2017,
2 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a
4 foster parent, a long term foster parent, or a person who has been a
5 foster parent may petition the court to request intervention as a party to
6 a proceeding described in this chapter.
7 (b) A foster parent who has been:
8 (1) the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect;
9 or
10 (2) convicted of a nonwaivable offense, as defined in
11 IC 31-9-2-84.8;
12 may not petition the court to intervene under this section.
13 (c) A court may grant a petition filed under this section if the court
14 determines that intervention of the petitioner is in the best interests of
15 the child.
16 **(d) A court shall grant a petition filed under this section if:**
17 **(1) the foster parent, long term foster parent, or person who**



1 **has been a foster parent has filed a petition to adopt the child**
2 **under IC 31-19-2; or**
3 **(2) a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship of the**
4 **child and the child's parents has been filed under IC 31-35.**

