

SENATE BILL No. 428

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-9-2-2; IC 31-25-2-24.

Synopsis: Report on child fatalities. Expands the department of child services annual report concerning child fatalities in Indiana to include all child fatalities in Indiana: (1) that involved adoptees; and (2) that involved children who solely received home based instruction.

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 15, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.



Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

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 2019 Regular 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 31-9-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.191-2011,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 2. "Adoptee", for purposes of IC 31-19-17 through
4 IC 31-19-25.5 **and IC 31-25-2-24**, means a person who has been
5 legally adopted.

6 SECTION 2. IC 31-25-2-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.98-2019,
7 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 24. (a) Before December 31 of each year, the
9 department shall annually prepare a report concerning all child
10 fatalities in Indiana that are the result of child abuse or neglect in the
11 preceding calendar year. The report must include the following
12 information:

- 13 (1) A summary of the information gathered concerning child
14 fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.
15 (2) Demographic information regarding victims, perpetrators, and
16 households involved in child fatalities resulting from abuse or
17 neglect.



- 1 (3) A summary of the information gathered concerning whether
2 the child fatalities involved adoptees (as defined in IC 31-9-2-2).
3 **(4) A summary of the information gathered concerning**
4 **whether the child fatalities involved children who solely**
5 **received home based instruction.**
6 ~~(3)~~ (5) An analysis of the primary risk factors involved in child
7 fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.
8 ~~(4)~~ (6) A summary of the most frequent causes of child fatalities
9 resulting from abuse or neglect.
10 ~~(5)~~ (7) A description of the manner in which the information was
11 assembled.
12 The department shall post the report prepared under this section on the
13 department's Internet web site.
14 (b) As part of the summary of information described in subsection
15 (a)(1), the report must include whether the death occurred in either of
16 the following settings:
17 (1) While the child was placed in foster care.
18 (2) After the child, who was once placed in foster care, was
19 returned to a natural parent.

