

## **HOUSE BILL No. 1434**

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**Synopsis:** Department of child services. Makes changes to the child services and juvenile laws concerning the following: (1) Criminal history background checks. (2) Exception of certain governmental employees to licensing or certification requirements of social workers and counselors. (3) The responsibilities of the department of child services. (4) Transitional services plans for certain individuals receiving foster care or collaborative care. (5) Regional service strategic plans. (6) Foster care. (7) Detention of children alleged to be children in needs of services. (8) Case plans for children in need of services. (9) Dispositional decrees and review of dispositional decrees concerning children in needs of services. (10) Dispositional decrees and review of dispositional decrees concerning delinquent children. Repeals provisions concerning local plans for the provision of child protection services.

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## **HOUSE BILL No. 1434**

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:

SECTION 1. IC 10-13-3-39, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2011
SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 39. (a) The department is designated as the
authorized agency to receive requests for, process, and disseminate the
results of national criminal history background checks that comply with
this section and 42 U.S.C. 5119a.
(b) A qualified entity may contact the department to request a
national criminal history background check on any of the following
persons:
(1) A person who seeks to be or is employed with the qualified

- entity. A request under this subdivision must be made not later than three (3) months after the person is initially employed by the qualified entity.
- (2) A person who seeks to volunteer or is a volunteer with the qualified entity. A request under this subdivision must be made



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1	not later than three (3) months after the person initially volunteers
2	with the qualified entity.
3	(3) A person for whom a national criminal history background
4	check is required under any law relating to the licensing of a
5	home, center, or other facility for purposes of day care or
6	residential care of children.
7	(4) A person for whom a national criminal history background
8	check is required permitted for purposes of:
9	(A) placement of a child in a foster family home, a prospective
10	adoptive home, or the home of a relative or other caretaker; or
11	for purposes of
12	<b>(B)</b> a report concerning an adoption as required by IC 31-19-8;
13	(C) collaborative care host homes and supervised
14	independent living arrangements as provided in
15	IC 31-28-5.8-5.5; or
16	(D) reunification of a child with a parent, guardian, or
17	custodian as provided in IC 31-34-21-5.5.
18	(c) A qualified entity must submit a request under subsection (b) in
19	the form required by the department and provide a set of the person's
20	fingerprints and any required fees with the request.
21	(d) If a qualified entity makes a request in conformity with
22	subsection (b), the department shall submit the set of fingerprints
23	provided with the request to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a
24	national criminal history background check. The department shall
25	respond to the request in conformity with:
26	(1) the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 5119a; and
27	(2) the regulations prescribed by the Attorney General of the
28	United States under 42 U.S.C. 5119a.
29	(e) Subsection (f):
30	(1) applies to a qualified entity that:
31	(A) is not a school corporation or a special education
32	cooperative; or
33	(B) is a school corporation or a special education cooperative
34	and seeks a national criminal history background check for a
35	volunteer; and
36	(2) does not apply to a qualified entity that is a:
37	(A) home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1; or
38	(B) personal services agency licensed under IC 16-27-4.
39	(f) After receiving the results of a national criminal history
40	background check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the
41	department shall make a determination whether the person who is the
42	subject of a request has been convicted of:



1	(1) an offense described in IC 20-26-5-11;
2	(2) in the case of a foster family home, an offense described in
3	IC 31-27-4-13(a);
4	(3) in the case of a prospective adoptive home, an offense
5	described in IC 31-19-11-1(c);
6	(4) any other felony; or
7	(5) any misdemeanor;
8	and convey the determination to the requesting qualified entity.
9	(g) This subsection applies to a qualified entity that:
10	(1) is a school corporation or a special education cooperative; and
11	(2) seeks a national criminal history background check to
12	determine whether to employ or continue the employment of a
13	certificated employee or a noncertificated employee of a school
14	corporation or an equivalent position with a special education
15	cooperative.
16	After receiving the results of a national criminal history background
17	check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department may
18	exchange identification records concerning convictions for offenses
19	described in IC 20-26-5-11 with the school corporation or special
20	education cooperative solely for purposes of making an employment
21	determination. The exchange may be made only for the official use of
22	the officials with authority to make the employment determination. The
23	exchange is subject to the restrictions on dissemination imposed under
24	P.L.92-544, (86 Stat. 1115) (1972).
25	(h) This subsection applies to a qualified entity (as defined in
26	IC 10-13-3-16) that is a public agency under IC 5-14-1.5-2(a)(1). After
27	receiving the results of a national criminal history background check
28	from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall provide
29	a copy to the public agency. Except as permitted by federal law, the
30	public agency may not share the information contained in the national
31	criminal history background check with a private agency.
32	(i) This subsection applies to a qualified entity that is a:
33	(1) home health agency licensed under IC 16-27-1; or
34	(2) personal services agency licensed under IC 16-27-4.
35	After receiving the results of a national criminal history background
36	check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the department shall
37	make a determination whether the applicant has been convicted of an
38	offense described in IC 16-27-2-5(a) and convey the determination to
39	the requesting qualified entity.
40	(j) The department:

(1) may permanently retain an applicant's fingerprints submitted



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under this section; and

1	(2) shall retain the applicant's fingerprints separately from
2	fingerprints collected under section 24 of this chapter.
3	SECTION 2. IC 25-23.6-1-3.9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2007,
4	SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3.9. "Governmental employee"
6	means an individual employed by the office of the secretary of family
7	and social services, the division of family resources, the division of
8	mental health and addiction, the division of disability and rehabilitative
9	services, the division of aging, the department of correction, the
10	department of child services, or the state department of health in one
11	(1) of the following classifications:
12	(1) 2AA3 Behavioral clinician 3.
13	(2) 2AA4 Behavioral clinician 4.
14	(3) 2AA5 Clinical associate 5.
15	(4) 2FL1 Mental health administrator 1.
16	(5) 2FL2 Mental health administrator 2.
17	(6) 2FL3 Mental health administrator 3.
18	(7) 2AN3 Substance abuse counselor 3.
19	(8) 2AN4 Substance abuse counselor 4.
20	(9) 2AN5 Substance abuse counselor 5.
21	(10) 2AH2 Social services specialist 2.
22	(11) 2AH3 Social services specialist 3.
23	(12) 2AH4 Social services specialist 4.
24	(13) 2AI1 Psychiatric services director 1.
25	(14) 2AE2 Psychiatric social services specialist 2.
26	(15) 2AE3 Psychiatric social services specialist 3.
27	(16) 2AP2 Family case manager 2.
28	(17) 2AP3 Family case manager trainee 3.
29	(18) 7AP3 Family case manager supervisor 3.
30	(19) 7AP4 Family case manager supervisor 4.
31	SECTION 3. IC 31-9-2-8.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
32	AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
33	1, 2015]: Sec. 8.5. "Age or developmentally appropriate", for
34	purposes of IC 31-34 and IC 31-37, means:
35	(1) activities or items that are generally:
36	(A) accepted as suitable for children of the same
37	chronological age or level of maturity; or
38	(B) determined to be developmentally appropriate for a
39	child based on the development of cognitive, emotional,
40	physical, and behavioral capacities that are typical for an
41	age or age group; and
42	(2) in the case of a specific child, activities or items that are



1	suitable for the child based on the developmental stages
2	attained by the child with respect to the cognitive, emotional,
3	physical, and behavioral capacities of the child.
4	SECTION 4. IC 31-9-2-22.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.162-2011,
5	SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 22.5. "Conduct a criminal history check", for
7	purposes of IC 31-19, IC 31-26, IC 31-27, IC 31-28, IC 31-33,
8	IC 31-34, IC 31-37, and IC 31-39-2-13.5, means to:
9	(1) request:
10	(A) the state police department to conduct a:
11	(i) fingerprint based criminal history background check of
12	both national and state records data bases concerning a
13	person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age in
14	accordance with IC 10-13-3-27 and IC 10-13-3-39; or
15	(ii) national name based criminal history record check (as
16	defined in IC 10-13-3-12.5) of a person who is at least
17	eighteen (18) years of age as provided by IC 10-13-3-27.5;
18	or
19	(B) if an individual has:
20	(i) a physical disability that prevents fingerprinting and a
21	person approved by the department who is trained to take
22	fingerprints or a qualified medical practitioner (as defined
23	in IC 31-9-2-100.5) verifies that the individual has a
24	disabling condition that prevents fingerprinting; or
25	(ii) low quality fingerprints, as a result of age, occupation, or
26	otherwise, that prevent fingerprint results from being
27	obtained and the individual's fingerprints have been rejected
28	the required number of times by automated fingerprint
29	classification equipment or rejected by a person designated
30	by the Indiana state police department to examine and
31	classify fingerprints;
32	the state police department to conduct a national name based
33	criminal history record check (as defined in IC 10-13-3-12.5)
34	or request the state police department to release or allow
35	inspection of a limited criminal history (as defined in
36	IC 10-13-3-11) and the state police in every state the
37	individual has resided in the past five (5) years to release or
38	allow inspection of the state's criminal history;
39	(2) collect each substantiated report of child abuse or neglect
40	reported in a jurisdiction where a probation officer, a caseworker,
41	or the department of child services has reason to believe that a
42	person who is fourteen (14) years of age or older, or a person for



- whom a fingerprint based criminal history background check is required under IC 31, resided within the previous five (5) years; and
  - (3) request information concerning any substantiated report of child abuse or neglect relating to a person who is fourteen (14) years of age or older that is contained in a national registry of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect that is established and maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to the extent that the information is accessible under 42 U.S.C. 16990 and any applicable regulations or policies of the Department of Health and Human Services;
  - (4) conduct a check of the national sex offender registry maintained by the United States Department of Justice for all persons who are at least fourteen (14) years of age; and
  - (5) conduct a check of local law enforcement agency records in every jurisdiction where a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age has resided within the previous five (5) years unless the department of child services or a court grants an exception to conducting this check.

SECTION 5. IC 31-9-2-46.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2012, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 46.7. "Foster care", for purposes of IC 31-25, IC 31-26, IC 31-27, IC 31-28-1, IC 31-28-2, IC 31-28-3, and IC 31-28-5.8, IC 31-34-21-7, IC 31-34-21-7.6, and IC 31-37-22-10, means living in:

- (1) a place licensed under IC 31-27 or a comparable law of another state; or
- (2) the home of an adult relative who is not licensed as a foster family home.

SECTION 6. IC 31-9-2-58.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 58.2. "Independent living", for purposes of IC 31-28-5.8, IC 31-34-20, and IC 31-37-19, means a living arrangement that provides housing for a youth that is not supervised on site, such as a dormitory, apartment, or shared housing, and is not a foster home, host home, group home, child caring institution, or private secure facility.

SECTION 7. IC 31-9-2-101.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 101.5.** "Reasonable and prudent parent standard", for purposes of IC 31-27, IC 31-34, and IC 31-37, means the standard characterized by careful and sensible



1	parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best
2	interests of a child.
3	SECTION 8. IC 31-9-2-107, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2014,
4	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 107. (a) "Relative", for purposes of IC 31-19-18,
6	IC 31-19-22, and IC 31-19-25, means:
7	(1) an adoptive or whole blood related parent;
8	(2) a sibling; or
9	(3) a child.
10	(b) "Relative", for purposes of IC 31-34-3, means:
11	(1) a maternal or paternal grandparent;
12	(2) an adult aunt or uncle; <del>or</del>
13	(3) a parent of a child's sibling if the parent has legal custody
14	of the sibling; or
15	(3) (4) any other adult relative suggested by either parent of a
16	child.
17	(c) "Relative", for purposes of IC 31-27, IC 31-28-5.8, IC 31-34-4,
18	IC 31-34-19, and IC 31-37, means any of the following in relation to a
19	child:
20	(1) A parent.
21	(2) A grandparent.
22	(3) A brother.
23	(4) A sister.
24	(5) A stepparent.
25	(6) A stepgrandparent.
26	(7) A stepbrother.
27	(8) A stepsister.
28	(9) A first cousin.
29	(10) An uncle.
30	(11) An aunt.
31	(12) Any other individual with whom a child has an established
32	and significant relationship.
33	SECTION 9. IC 31-9-2-117.3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.58-2009,
34	SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
35	JULY 1,2015]: Sec. 117.3. (a) "Sibling", for purposes of IC 31-19, and
36	IC 31-28-5, and IC 31-34 (except for IC 31-34-3-4.5), means a
37	brother or sister by blood, half-blood, or adoption.
38	(b) "Sibling" for purposes of IC 31-34-3-4.5, means:
39	(1) a brother or sister by blood, half-blood, or adoption; and
40	(2) any other individual who would be considered a sibling if
41	parental rights had not been terminated.
42	SECTION 10. IC 31-9-2-123.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



- 1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 123.5. "Successful adulthood", 3 for purposes of IC 31-25 and IC 31-28, means services for youth 4 that are designed to assist youth who will age out of foster care 5 with the skills and abilities necessary or desirable to be self-reliant, 6 including housing and educational support, career exploration, 7 vocational training, job placement and support, daily living skills, 8 budgeting and financial management skills, substance abuse 9 prevention, preventative health activities, and counseling.
  - SECTION 11. IC 31-9-2-130.3, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2008, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 130.3. "Transitional services plan", for purposes of IC 31-25-2-21, IC 31-34-15, and IC 31-37-19, has the meaning set forth in IC 31-25-2-21(a).

SECTION 12. IC 31-25-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012, SECTION 87, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) The department is responsible for the following:

- (1) Providing child protection services under this article.
- (2) Providing and administering child abuse and neglect prevention services.
- (3) Providing and administering child services.
- (4) Providing and administering family services.
- (5) Providing family preservation services under IC 31-26-5.
- (6) Regulating and licensing the following under IC 31-27:
  - (A) Child caring institutions.
  - (B) Foster family homes.
- (C) Group homes.
  - (D) Child placing agencies.
- (7) Administering the state's plan for the administration of Title
   IV-D of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.).
  - (8) Administering foster care services.
- 33 (9) Administering independent living services successful adulthood services (as described in 42 U.S.C. 677 et seq.).
- 35 (10) Administering adoption **and guardianship** services.
- (11) Certifying and providing grants to the youth services bureaus
   under IC 31-26-1.
- 38 (12) Administering the project safe program.
- 39 (13) Paying for programs and services as provided under 40 IC 31-40.
- 41 (14) Obtaining on an annual basis a consumer report, as defined 42 in 42 U.S.C. 1681a(d), for each child at least fifteen (15) fourteen



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1	(14) years of age who is in state foster care.
2	(b) This chapter does not authorize or require the department to:
3	(1) investigate or report on proceedings under IC 31-17-2 relating
4	to a child who is not the subject of an open child in need of
5	services case under IC 31-34; or
6	(2) otherwise monitor child custody or visitation in dissolution of
7	marriage proceedings.
8	(c) This chapter does not authorize or require the department to:
9	(1) conduct home studies; or
10	(2) otherwise participate in guardianship proceedings under
11	IC 29-3;
12	other than those over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction under
13	IC 29-3-2-1(c) or IC 31-30-1-1(10).
14	SECTION 13. IC 31-25-2-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.131-2009,
15	SECTION 28, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. (a) The department is the single state agency
17	responsible for administering the following:
18	(1) Title IV-B of the federal Social Security Act under 42 U.S.C.
19	620 et seq.
20	(2) Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act under 42 U.S.C.
21	670 et seq.
22	(3) The federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act under
23	42 U.S.C. 5106 et seq.
24	(4) The federal Social Services Block Grant under 42 U.S.C. 1397
25	et seq.
26	(5) Any other federal program that provides funds to states for
27	services related to the prevention of child abuse and neglect, child
28	welfare services, foster care, independent living, successful
29	adulthood services, or adoption services.
30	(b) This subsection applies beginning October 1, 2009. Under 42
31	U.S.C. 671(a)(32), the department shall negotiate in good faith with
32	any Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium in the state
33	that requests to develop an agreement with the state to administer all
34	or part of Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act under 42 U.S.C.
35	670 et seq., on behalf of Indian children who are under the authority of
36	the tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium.
37	SECTION 14. IC 31-25-2-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.48-2012,
38	SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 21. (a) As used in this section, "transitional
40	services plan" means a plan that provides information concerning the



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(1) Education.

following to an individual described in subsection (b):

1	(2) Employment.
2	(3) Housing.
3	(4) Health care.
4	(5) Development of problem solving skills.
5	(6) Available local, state, and federal financial assistance.
6	(b) The department shall implement a program that provides a
7	transitional services plan to the following:
8	(1) An individual who has become or will become:
9	(A) eighteen (18) years of age; or
10	(B) emancipated;
11	while receiving foster care.
12	(2) An individual who:
13	(A) is at least eighteen (18) but less than twenty (20) years of
14	age; and
15	(B) is receiving collaborative care under IC 31-28-5.8.
16	(c) A transitional services plan for an individual described in
17	subsection (b) shall contain a document that:
18	(1) describes the rights of the individual with respect to:
19	(A) education, health, visitation, and court participation;
20	(B) the right to be provided with the individual's medical
21	documents and any other medical information; and
22	(C) the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation; and
23	(2) includes a signed acknowledgment by the individual that
24	the:
25	(A) individual has been provided with a copy of the
26	document described in subdivision (1); and
27	(B) rights contained in the document have been explained
28	to the individual in an age appropriate manner.
29	(d) The individual's child representatives selected by the
30	individual under IC 31-34-15-7 may participate in the development
31	of a transitional services plan for the individual.
32	(c) (e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2, including
33	emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1, necessary to implement the
34	program described in this section.
35	SECTION 15. IC 31-26-6-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
36	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
37	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5.5. Each regional services
38	council shall include in the plan a description of how the
39	department will implement the plan in the service region, including
40	the following:
41	(1) Organization.
42	(2) Staffing.



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1	(3) Mode of operations.
2	(4) Financing of the child protection services.
3	(5) The provisions made for the purchase of services.
4	(6) Interagency relations.
5	SECTION 16. IC 31-26-6-14, AS ADDED BY P.L.146-2008,
6	SECTION 571, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 14. (a) A regional services council
8	or the regional manager shall transmit copies of the plan, each annual
9	report, each revised plan, and any other report or document described
10	by rule adopted under section 16 of this chapter, to the following:
11	(1) The director.
12	(2) Each department office in the service region.
13	(3) Each juvenile court in the service region.
14	(4) The community child protection team established under
15	IC 31-33-3-1 of each county that participates in the regional
16	services council.
17	(5) Appropriate public or voluntary agencies, including
18	organizations for the prevention of child abuse or neglect.
19	(b) A regional services council shall provide to the department a
20	copy of each plan, annual report, or revised plan transmitted under
21	subsection (a) to be posted to the department's Internet web site.
22	SECTION 17. IC 31-27-3-18.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
23	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
24	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 18.5. A licensee shall use the
25	reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining
26	whether to allow a child in foster care to participate in
27	extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.
28	SECTION 18. IC 31-27-4-20.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
29	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
30	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 20.5. A licensee shall use the
31	reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining
32	whether to allow a child in foster care to participate in
33	extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.
34	SECTION 19. IC 31-27-5-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
35	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
36	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 17.5. A licensee shall use the
37	reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining

SECTION 20. IC 31-27-6-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 14.5. A licensee shall use the** 

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1	reasonable and prudent parent standard when determining
2	whether to allow a child in foster care to participate in
3	extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities.
4	SECTION 21. IC 31-28-2-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012,
5	SECTION 147, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
6	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. (a) The local office shall provide
7	a copy of the medical treatment records filed under section 2 of this
8	chapter to the person who provides foster care to a child.
9	(b) The local office shall provide an individual who:
10	(1) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
11	(2) leaves foster care after receiving foster care for at least six
12	(6) months;
13	a copy of the individual's medical treatment records.
14	SECTION 22. IC 31-28-3-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012,
15	SECTION 150, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
16	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) The local office shall issue
17	the medical passport to a foster child when the child is placed in foster
18	care. The passport must remain with the child until: the child is:
19	(1) <b>the child is</b> returned to the natural parents;
20	(2) the child is adopted; or
21	(3) placed in another permanent plan. a legal guardian is
22	appointed for the child.
23	(b) When a child is placed under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2) or a
24	legal guardian is appointed for a child under subsection (a)(3), the
25	medical passport shall be returned to the local office that issued the

- passport.
- (c) The local office shall provide the medical passport to the child or the child's legal guardian after the child in need of services case or collaborative care case is closed.

SECTION 23. IC 31-28-5.8-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.48-2012, SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5. (a) An older youth who received foster care under a court order during the month before on the day the individual became attains eighteen (18) years of age is eligible to receive collaborative care services under applicable rules of the department at any time until the individual becomes twenty (20) years of age.

- (b) An older youth may request the department to petition a juvenile court for approval of a collaborative care agreement under this chapter.
- (c) A court may grant a petition described in subsection (b) if the court finds, consistent with applicable rules of the department, that the older youth is:
  - (1) employed;



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1	(2) attending school of a vocational of educational certification of
2	degree program;
3	(3) participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or
4	remove barriers to, employment; or
5	(4) incapable of performing any of the activities in subdivisions
6	(1) through (3) due to a medical condition documented by
7	regularly updated information in the older youth's current case
8	plan.
9	(d) A child who:
10	(1) is at least seventeen (17) years and six (6) months of age;
l 1	(2) is receiving foster care under a court order; and
12	(3) expects to be eligible for collaborative care under this chapter
13	when the child becomes an older youth;
14	may request the department to start the process of planning for
5	collaborative care under this chapter.
16	SECTION 24. IC 31-28-5.8-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
17	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 5.5. The department may conduct
19	a criminal history check of each person who is currently residing
20	with an older youth in a:
21	(1) host home described in section 1(2) of this chapter; or
22	(2) supervised independent living arrangement described in
23	section 1(5) of this chapter.
23 24 25	SECTION 25. IC 31-28-5.8-7 AS ADDED BY P.L.48-2012
25	SECTION 34, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) A court that approves a collaborative care
27	agreement under this chapter shall conduct periodic reviews during the
28	term of the agreement. The court shall review the agreement and the
29	progress made in complying with the provisions of the agreement and
30	case plan developed under section 6 of this chapter.
31	(b) The court shall conduct each periodic review in a formal cour
32	hearing.
33	(c) The department shall provide a notice of a hearing, as provided
34	in IC 31-32-1-4, at least seven (7) days before the date of the hearing
35	to the following:
36	(1) The older youth.
37	(2) The foster parent or any other caretaker with whom the older
88	youth is living, if applicable.
39	(3) Any caseworker responsible for visitation with the older

(4) Any person or agency identified in the collaborative care

agreement as a provider of services to the older youth.



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1	(5) Any person or entity providing independent living services
2	successful adulthood services to the older youth developed
3	under IC 31-25-2-7(a)(9) or 465 IAC 2-14.
4	(6) A guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate
5	participating with the consent of the older youth.
6	(d) A person to whom the department gives notice under subsection
7	(c) is entitled to participate in a periodic review hearing as set forth in
8	IC 31-34-21-4(d).
9	(e) The department shall prepare and submit to the court a written
10	progress report for the periodic review hearing. The department shall
11	provide a copy of the report with the notice of the hearing provided
12	under subsection (c).
13	(f) The court must hold a periodic review hearing:
14	(1) not later than six (6) months after the date the court grants a
15	petition under section 5 of this chapter; and
16	(2) at least once every six (6) months until the collaborative care
17	agreement is terminated.
18	(g) After each periodic review hearing, the court shall enter an order
19	that includes findings and conclusions concerning the progress made
20	in implementing the collaborative care agreement and case plan of the
21	older youth. If a permanency plan has been approved or modified for
22	the youth, the court shall also review the permanency plan.
23	SECTION 26. IC 31-33-4 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
24	2015]. (Local Plan for Provision of Child Protection Services).
25	SECTION 27. IC 31-34-3-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.131-2009,
26	SECTION 59, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
27	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4.5. (a) If a child is removed from the child's
28	parents under this chapter, within thirty (30) days after the removal of
29	the child from the parents the department shall exercise due diligence
30	to identify and provide notice of the removal to:
31	(1) all adult relatives (as defined in IC 31-9-2-107) of the child,
32	including relatives suggested by either parent as required under
33	42 U.S.C. 671(a)(29); and
34	(2) all the child's siblings who are at least eighteen (18) years of
35	age.
36	(b) The department may not provide notice to a person under
37	subsection (a) if the department knows or suspects that the person has
38	caused family or domestic violence.
39	(c) A notice under subsection (a) must:
40	(1) state that the child has been removed from the parents by the
41	department;

(2) set forth the options the relative may have under federal, state,



1	or local laws, including the care and placement of the child and
2	other options that may be lost if the relative fails to respond to the
3	notice;
4	(3) describe the requirements for the relative to become a foster
5	parent; and
6	(4) describe additional services available to the child placed in
7	foster care; and
8	(5) describe how a relative guardian of a child may
9	subsequently enter into an agreement with the department to
10	receive financial assistance through the adoption assistance
11	program or guardianship assistance program.
12	SECTION 28. IC 31-34-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
13	FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. A child alleged to be
14	a child in need of services may not be held in:
15	(1) a secure <b>detention</b> facility; or
16	(2) a shelter care facility that houses persons charged with
17	imprisoned for, or incarcerated for crimes.
18	SECTION 29. IC 31-34-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,
19	SECTION 582, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
20	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. A juvenile court or the
21	department may not place a child in
22	(1) a community based correctional facility for children;
23	(2) a juvenile detention facility;
24	(3) a secure facility;
25	(4) a secure private facility; or
26	(5) a shelter care facility
27	that is located outside the child's county of residence unless placement
28	of the child in a comparable facility with adequate services located in
29	the child's county of residence is unavailable or the child's county of
30	residence does not have an appropriate comparable facility with
31	adequate services.
32	SECTION 30. IC 31-34-15-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
33	SECTION 302, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
34	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. The department, after negotiating
35	with:
36	(1) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
37	(2) the child, if the child is at least fourteen (14) years of age;
38	and
39	(3) any child representatives selected by the child under
40	section 7 of this chapter;
41	shall complete a child's case plan not later than sixty (60) days after
42	(1) the date of the child's first placement or



1	(2) the date of a dispositional decree,
2	whichever <del>comes</del> occurs first.
3	SECTION 31. IC 31-34-15-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,
4	SECTION 595, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. A copy of the completed case
6	plan shall be sent, not later than ten (10) days after the plan's
7	completion, to:
8	(1) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
9	(2) the child, if the child is at least fourteen (14) years of age;
10	(3) any child representatives selected by the child under
11	section 7 of this chapter; and to an
12	(4) any agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to
13	care for, treat, or supervise the child. not later than ten (10) days
14	after the plan's completion.
15	SECTION 32. IC 31-34-15-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012,
16	SECTION 161, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4. A child's case plan must be set
18	out in a form prescribed by the department that meets the specifications
19	set by 45 CFR 1356.21. The case plan must include a description and
20	discussion of the following:
21	(1) A permanent plan for the child and an estimated date for
22	achieving the goal of the plan.
23	(2) The appropriate placement for the child based on the child's
24	special needs and best interests.
25	(3) The least restrictive family-like setting that is close to the
26	home of the child's parent, custodian, or guardian if out-of-home
27	placement is recommended. If an out-of-home placement is
28	appropriate, the local office or department shall consider whether
29	a child in need of services should be placed with the child's
30	suitable and willing blood or adoptive relative caretaker,
31	including a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, or an adult sibling,
32	before considering other out-of-home placements for the child.
33	(4) Family services recommended for the child, parent, guardian,
34	or custodian.
35	(5) Efforts already made to provide family services to the child,
36	parent, guardian, or custodian.
37	(6) Efforts that will be made to provide family services that are
38	ordered by the court.
39	(7) A plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while
40	in foster care that includes assurances that the:
41	(A) placement of the child in foster care considers the

appropriateness of the current educational setting of the child



1	and the proximity to the school where the child is presently
2	enrolled; and
3	(B) department has coordinated with local educationa
4	agencies to ensure:
5	(i) the child remains in the school where the child is enrolled
6	at the time of removal; or
7	(ii) immediate, appropriate enrollment of the child in a
8	different school, including arrangements for the transfer of
9	the child's school records to the new school, if remaining in
10	the same school is not in the best interests of the child.
11	(8) Any age appropriate activities that the child is interested
12	in pursuing.
13	(9) If the case plan is for a child in foster care who is at least
14	fourteen (14) years of age, the following:
15	(A) A document that describes the rights of the child with
16	respect to:
17	(i) education, health, visitation, and court participation
18	(ii) the right to be provided with the child's medica
19	documents and other medical information; and
20	(iii) the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation.
21	(B) A signed acknowledgment by the child that the:
22	(i) child has been provided with a copy of the document
23	described in clause (A); and
24	(ii) rights contained in the document have been explained
25	to the individual in an age appropriate manner.
26	SECTION 33. IC 31-34-15-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
27	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) A child who is at least
29	fourteen (14) years of age shall participate in the development of
30	the child's case plan or transitional services plan.
31	(b) The child may select not more than two (2) child
32	representatives to represent the child in the development of the
33	child's case plan or transitional services plan. A child
34	representative selected under this section:
35	(1) must be:
36	(A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
37	(B) a member of the case planning team; and
38	(2) may not be a foster parent of or caseworker for the child
39 40	(c) The child may select one (1) of the child representatives who
40	is a member of the child's case planning team to also be the child's
	adviser and, as necessary, advocate, with respect to the application
42	of the reasonable and prudent parent standard to the child.



1	(d) The department may reject an individual selected by a child
2 3	to be a member of the case planning team at any time if the department has good cause to believe that the individual would not
4	act in the best interests of the child.
5	SECTION 34. IC 31-34-20-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008,
6	SECTION 602, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to this section and
8	section 1.5 of this chapter, if a child is a child in need of services, the
9	juvenile court may enter one (1) or more of the following dispositional
10	decrees:
11	(1) Order supervision of the child by the department.
12	(2) Order the child to receive outpatient treatment:
13	(A) at a social service agency or a psychological, a psychiatric,
14	a medical, or an educational facility; or
15	(B) from an individual practitioner.
16	(3) Remove the child from the child's home and authorize the
17	department to place the child in another home, or shelter care
18	facility, child caring institution, group home, or secure private
19	facility. Placement under this subdivision includes authorization
20	to control and discipline the child.
21	(4) Award wardship of the child to the department for
22	supervision, care, and placement.
23	(5) Partially or completely emancipate the child under section 6
23 24	of this chapter.
25	(6) Order the child's parent, guardian, or custodian to complete
26	services recommended by the department and approved by the
27	court under IC 31-34-16, IC 31-34-18, and IC 31-34-19.
28	(7) Order a person who is a party to refrain from direct or indirect
29	contact with the child.
30	(8) Order a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect to refrain from
31	returning to the child's residence.
32	(b) A juvenile court may not place a child in a home or facility that
33	is located outside Indiana unless:
34	(1) the placement is recommended or approved by the director of
35	the department or the director's designee; or
36	(2) the juvenile court makes written findings based on clear and
37	convincing evidence that:
38	(A) the out-of-state placement is appropriate because there is
39	not a comparable facility with adequate services located in
40	Indiana; or
41	(B) the location of the home or facility is within a distance not
42	greater than fifty (50) miles from the county of residence of



1	the child.
2	(c) If a dispositional decree under this section:
3	(1) orders or approves removal of a child from the child's home or
4	awards wardship of the child to the department; and
5	(2) is the first juvenile court order in the child in need of services
6	proceeding that authorizes or approves removal of the child from
7	the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
8	the juvenile court shall include in the decree the appropriate findings
9	and conclusions described in IC 31-34-5-3(b) and IC 31-34-5-3(c).
10	SECTION 35. IC 31-34-21-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.72-2008,
11	SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7. (a) The court shall hold a permanency hearing:
13	(1) not more than thirty (30) days after a court finds that
14	reasonable efforts to reunify or preserve a child's family are not
15	required as described in section 5.6 of this chapter;
16	(2) every twelve (12) months after:
17	(A) the date of the original dispositional decree; or
18	(B) a child in need of services was removed from the child's
19	parent, guardian, or custodian;
20	whichever comes first; or
21	(3) more often if ordered by the juvenile court.
22	(b) The court shall:
23	(1) make the determination and findings required by section 5 of
22 23 24	this chapter;
25	(2) consider the question of continued jurisdiction and whether
26	the dispositional decree should be modified;
27	(3) consider recommendations of persons listed under section 4
28	of this chapter, before approving a permanency plan under
29	subdivision (5);
30	(4) consult with the child in person, or through an interview with
31	or written statement or report submitted by:
32	(A) a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate for
33	the child;
34	(B) a case manager; or
35	(C) the person with whom the child is living and who has
36	primary responsibility for the care and supervision of the
37	child;
38	in an age appropriate manner as determined by the court
39	regarding the proposed permanency plan;
40	(5) consider and approve a permanency plan for the child that
41	complies with the requirements set forth in section 7.5 of this
42	chapter



1	(6) determine whether an existing permanency plan must be
2	modified; and
3	(7) examine procedural safeguards used by the department to
4	protect parental rights.
5	(c) If the child is at least sixteen (16) years of age and the proposed
6	permanency plan provides for another planned permanent living
7	arrangement, the transition of the child from foster care to
8	independent living, the court shall, at each permanency hearing, do
9	all the following:
10	(1) Require the department to provide notice of the permanency
11	hearing to the child, in accordance with section 4(a) of this
12	chapter. <del>and</del>
13	(2) Provide to the child an opportunity to be heard and to make
14	recommendations to the court, in accordance with section 4(d) of
15	this chapter.
16	(3) Require the department to document or provide testimony
17	regarding the intensive, ongoing, and, as of the date of the
18	hearing, unsuccessful efforts made by the department to
19	return the child home or secure a placement for the child with
20	a fit and willing relative, legal guardian, or adoptive parent,
21	including efforts through the use of search technology, such as
22	social media, to find biological or adoptive family members
23	for the child.
24	(4) Ask the child about the desired permanency outcome for
25	the child and document the child's response.
26	(5) Make a judicial determination explaining why, as of the
27	date of the hearing, another planned permanent living
28	arrangement is the best permanency plan for the child and
29	provide compelling reasons why it continues to not be in the
30	best interests of the child to:
31	(A) return home;
32	(B) be placed for adoption;
33	(C) be placed with a legal guardian; or
34	(D) be placed with a fit and willing relative.
35	(6) Require the department to provide testimony regarding
36	the steps the department is taking to ensure that:
37	(A) the child's foster family home, group home, secure
38	private facility, or child caring institution is following the
39	reasonable and prudent parent standard; and
40	(B) the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to engage
41	in age or developmentally appropriate activities, including
42	consulting with the child in an age appropriate manner



about the opportunities for the child to participate in the activities.

- (d) There is a rebuttable presumption that jurisdiction over the child in a child in need of services proceeding continues for not longer than twelve (12) months after the date of the original dispositional decree or twelve (12) months after the child in need of services was removed from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, whichever occurs first. The state may rebut the presumption and show that jurisdiction should continue by proving that the objectives of the dispositional decree have not been accomplished, that a continuation of the decree with or without any modifications is necessary, and that it is in the child's best interests for the court to maintain its jurisdiction over the child. If the department does not sustain its burden for continued jurisdiction, the court shall:
  - (1) direct the department to establish a permanency plan within thirty (30) days; or
  - (2) discharge the child and the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

The court may retain jurisdiction to the extent necessary to carry out any orders under subdivision (1).

SECTION 36. IC 31-34-21-7.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013, SECTION 324, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (d), the juvenile court may not approve a permanency plan under subsection (c)(1)(D), (c)(1)(E), or (c)(1)(F) if a person who is currently residing with a person described in subsection (c)(1)(D) or (c)(1)(E) or in a residence in which the child would be placed under subsection (c)(1)(F) has committed an act resulting in a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect, has a juvenile adjudication for an act that would be a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13 if committed by an adult, or has a conviction for a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13.

(b) Before requesting juvenile court approval of a permanency plan, the department shall conduct a criminal history check (as defined in IC 31-9-2-22.5) to determine if a person described in subsection (a) has committed an act resulting in a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect, has a juvenile adjudication for an act that would be a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13 if committed by an adult, or has a conviction for a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13. However, the department is not required to conduct a criminal history check under this section if criminal history information under IC 31-34-4-2, IC 31-34-18-6.1, or IC 31-34-20-1.5 establishes whether a person described in subsection (a) has committed an act resulting in a substantiated report of child



1	abuse or neglect, has a juvenile adjudication for an act that would be
2	a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13 if committed by an adult, or has a
3	conviction for a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13.
4	(c) A permanency plan under this chapter includes the following:
5	(1) The intended permanent or long term arrangements for care
6	and custody of the child that may include any of the following
7	arrangements that the department or the court considers most
8	appropriate and consistent with the best interests of the child:
9	(A) Return to or continuation of existing custodial care within
10	the home of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian or
11	placement of the child with the child's noncustodial parent.
12	(B) Initiation of a proceeding for termination of the
13	parent-child relationship under IC 31-35.
14	(C) Placement of the child for adoption.
15	(D) Placement of the child with a responsible person,
16	including:
17	(i) an adult sibling;
18	(ii) a grandparent;
19	(iii) an aunt;
20	(iv) an uncle; <del>or</del>
21	(v) a custodial parent of a sibling of the child; or
22 23 24 25 26	(v) (vi) another relative;
23	who is able and willing to act as the child's permanent
24	custodian and carry out the responsibilities required by the
25	permanency plan.
	(E) Appointment of a legal guardian. The legal guardian
27	appointed under this section is a caretaker in a judicially
28	created relationship between the child and caretaker that is
29	intended to be permanent and self-sustaining as evidenced by
30	the transfer to the caretaker of the following parental rights
31	with respect to the child:
32	(i) Care, custody, and control of the child.
33	(ii) Decision making concerning the child's upbringing.
34	(F) Placement of the child in another planned, permanent
35	living arrangement. However, a child less than sixteen (16)
36	years of age may not have another planned, permanent
37	living arrangement as the child's permanency plan.
38	(2) A time schedule for implementing the applicable provisions
39	of the permanency plan.
10	(3) Provisions for temporary or interim arrangements for care and
<b>1</b> 1	custody of the child, pending completion of implementation of the
12	permanency plan.



1	(4) Other items required to be included in a case plan under
2	IC 31-34-15 or federal law, consistent with the permanent or long
3	term arrangements described by the permanency plan.
4	(d) A juvenile court may approve a permanency plan if:
5	(1) a person described in subsection (a) has:
6	(A) committed an act resulting in a substantiated report of
7	child abuse or neglect;
8	(B) been convicted of:
9	(i) battery (IC 35-42-2-1);
10	(ii) criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3) as a felony;
11	(iii) carjacking (IC 35-42-5-2) (repealed);
12	(iv) arson (IC 35-43-1-1) as a felony;
13	(v) a felony involving a weapon under IC 35-47 or a felony
14	involving controlled explosives under IC 35-47.5;
15	(vi) a felony relating to controlled substances under
16	IC 35-48-4;
17	(vii) a felony under IC 9-30-5; or
18	(viii) a felony that is substantially equivalent to a felony
19	listed in items (i) through (vii) for which the conviction was
20	entered in another state;
21	if the conviction did not occur within the past five (5) years; or
22	(C) had a juvenile adjudication for an act listed in
23	IC 31-27-4-13(a) that, if committed by an adult, would be a
24	felony; and
25	(2) the person's commission of the offense, delinquent act, or act
26	of abuse or neglect described in subdivision (1) is not relevant to
27	the person's present ability to care for a child, and that approval
28	of the permanency plan is in the best interest of the child.
29	However, a court may not approve a permanency plan if the person has
30	been convicted of a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13 that is not
31	specifically excluded under subdivision (1)(B), or has a juvenile
32	adjudication for an act that would be a felony listed in IC 31-27-4-13
33	if committed by an adult that is not specifically excluded under
34	subdivision (1)(B).
35	(e) In making its written finding under subsection (d), the court shall
36	consider the following:
37	(1) The length of time since the person committed the offense,
38	delinquent act, or act that resulted in the substantiated report of
39	abuse or neglect.
40	(2) The severity of the offense, delinquent act, or abuse or neglect.
41	(3) Evidence of the person's rehabilitation, including the person's
42	cooperation with a treatment plan, if applicable.



1	SECTION 37. IC 31-34-21-7.0 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 7.6. (a) This section applies to an
4	individual who:
5	(1) is leaving foster care because the individual is eighteen (18)
6	years of age or older; and
7	(2) has been in foster care for at least six (6) months.
8	(b) Before an individual described in subsection (a) leaves foster
9	care, the department shall provide to the individual, if the
10	individual is eligible to receive, all the following documents:
11	(1) An official or certified copy of the individual's United
12	States birth certificate.
13	(2) A Social Security card issued for the individual by the
14	Social Security Administration.
15	(3) Health or insurance records.
l6 l7	(4) A copy of the individual's medical records.
	(5) A driver's license or identification card issued by the state. SECTION 38. IC 31-37-19-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.147-2012,
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20	SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to section 6.5 of this chapter, if a
20	child is a delinquent child under IC 31-37-2, the juvenile court may
22	enter one (1) or more of the following dispositional decrees:
22	(1) Order supervision of the child by the probation department.
23 24	(2) Order the child to receive outpatient treatment:
25	(A) at a social service agency or a psychological, a psychiatric,
26	a medical, or an educational facility; or
27	(B) from an individual practitioner.
28	(3) Remove the child from the child's home and place the child in
29	another home or a shelter care facility, <b>child caring institution</b> ,
30	group home, or secure private facility. Placement under this
31	subdivision includes authorization to control and discipline the
32	child.
33	(4) Award wardship to a:
34	(A) person, other than the department; or
35	(B) shelter care facility.
36	(5) Partially or completely emancipate the child under section 27
37	of this chapter.
38	(6) Order:
39	(A) the child; or
10	(B) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
<b>1</b> 1	to receive family services.
12	(7) Order a person who is a party to refrain from direct or indirect



1	contact with the child.
2	(b) If the child is removed from the child's home and placed in a
3	foster family home or another facility, the juvenile court shall:
4	(A) approve a permanency plan for the child;
5	(B) find whether or not reasonable efforts were made to prevent
6	or eliminate the need for the removal;
7	(C) designate responsibility for the placement and care of the
8	child with the probation department; and
9	(D) find whether it:
10	(i) serves the best interests of the child to be removed; and
11	(ii) would be contrary to the health and welfare of the child for
12	the child to remain in the home.
13	(c) If a dispositional decree under this section:
14	(1) orders or approves removal of a child from the child's home or
15	awards wardship of the child to a:
16	(A) person other than the department; or
17	(B) shelter care facility; and
18	(2) is the first court order in the delinquent child proceeding that
19	authorizes or approves removal of the child from the child's
20	parent, guardian, or custodian;
21	the court shall include in the decree the appropriate findings and
22	conclusions described in IC 31-37-6-6(f) and IC 31-37-6-6(g).
23	(d) If the juvenile court orders supervision of the child by the
24	probation department under subsection (a)(1), the child or the child's
25	parent, guardian, or custodian is responsible for any costs resulting
26	from the participation in a rehabilitative service or educational class
27	provided by the probation department. Any costs collected for services
28	provided by the probation department shall be deposited in the county
29	supplemental juvenile probation services fund.
30	SECTION 39. IC 31-37-19-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2014,
31	SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
32	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1.5. (a) This section applies to a delinquent child
33	if the child is placed in an out-of-home residence or facility that is not
34	a secure detention facility.
35	(b) The probation department, after negotiating with:
36	(1) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; and
37	(2) any child representatives selected by the child and
38	approved by the child's probation officer under section 1.7 of
39	this chapter;
40	shall complete the child's case plan not later than sixty (60) days after
41	the date of the child's first placement that the probation department
42	requests to be paid for by the department.



1	(c) A copy of the completed case plan shall be sent, <b>not later than</b>
2	ten (10) days after the plan's completion, to:
3	(1) the department; to
4	(2) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
5	(3) any child representatives selected by the child and
6	approved by the child's probation officer under section 1.7 of
7	this chapter; and to an
8	(4) any agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to
9	care for, treat, or supervise the child. not later than ten (10) days
10	after the plan's completion.
11	(d) A child's case plan must be in a form prescribed by the
12	department that meets the specifications set by 45 CFR 1356.21, as
13	amended. The case plan must include a description and discussion of
14	the following:
15	(1) A permanency plan for the child and an estimated date for
16	achieving the goal of the plan. Another planned permanent
17	living arrangement may not be the permanency plan for a
18	child who is less than sixteen (16) years of age.
19	(2) The appropriate placement for the child based on the child's
20	special needs and best interests.
21	(3) The least restrictive family-like setting that is close to the
22	home of the child's parent, custodian, or guardian if out-of-home
22 23 24	placement is implemented or recommended, including
24	consideration of possible placement with any suitable and willing
25	relative, before considering other out-of-home placements for the
26	child.
27 28	(4) Family services recommended for the child, parent, guardian
	or custodian.
29	(5) Efforts already made to provide family services to the child
30	parent, guardian, or custodian.
31	(6) Efforts that will be made to provide family services that are
32	ordered by the court.
33	(7) A plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while
34	in foster care that includes assurances that the:
35	(A) placement of the child in foster care considers the
36	appropriateness of the current educational setting of the child
37	and the proximity to the school where the child is presently
38	enrolled; and
39	(B) department has coordinated with local educational
40	agencies to ensure:
41	(i) the child remains in the school where the child is enrolled
42	at the time of removal; or



1	(ii) immediate, appropriate enrollment of the child in a
2	different school if remaining in the same school is not in the
3	best interests of the child.
4	(8) Any age appropriate activities that the child is interested
5	in pursuing.
6	(9) If the case plan is for a child in foster care who is at least
7	fourteen (14) years of age, the following:
8	(A) A document that describes the rights of the child with
9	respect to:
10	(i) education, health, visitation, and court participation;
11	(ii) the right to be provided with the child's medical
12	documents and other medical information; and
13	(iii) the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation.
14	(B) A signed acknowledgment by the child that the:
15	(i) child has been provided with a copy of the document
16	described in clause (A); and
17	(ii) rights contained in the document have been explained
18	to the individual in an age appropriate manner.
19	(e) Each caretaker of a child, the child representatives selected by
20	the child and approved by the child's probation officer under
21	section 1.7 of this chapter, and the probation department shall
22	cooperate in the development of the case plan for the child. The
23	probation department shall discuss with at least one (1) foster parent or
24	other caretaker of a child the role of the substitute caretaker or facility
25	regarding the following:
26	(1) Rehabilitation of the child and the child's parents, guardians,
27	and custodians.
28	(2) Visitation arrangements.
29	(3) Services required to meet the special needs of the child.
30	(f) The case plan must be reviewed and updated by the probation
31	department at least once every one hundred eighty (180) days.
32	SECTION 40. IC 31-37-19-1.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
33	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
34	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1.7. (a) A child who is at least
35	fourteen (14) years of age shall participate in the development of
36	the child's case plan or transitional services plan.
37	(b) The child may select not more than two (2) child
38	representatives to represent the child in the development of the
39	child's case plan or transitional services plan. A child
40	representative selected under this section:
41	(1) must be:
42	(A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and



1	(B) a member of the case planning team;
2	(2) may not be a foster parent of or caseworker for the child
3	and
4	(3) must be approved by the child's probation officer.
5	(c) The child may select one (1) of the child representatives who
6	is a member of the child's case planning team to also be the child's
7	adviser and, as necessary, advocate, with respect to the application
8	of the reasonable and prudent parent standard to the child.
9	(d) The department may reject an individual selected by a child
10	to be a member of the case planning team at any time if the
11	department has good cause to believe that the individual would not
12	act in the best interests of the child.
13	SECTION 41. IC 31-37-20-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2008
14	SECTION 655, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) The court shall hold a formation
16	hearing:
17	(1) every twelve (12) months after:
18	(A) the date of the original dispositional decree; or
19	(B) a delinquent child was removed from the child's parent
20	guardian, or custodian;
21	whichever occurs first; or
22	(2) more often if ordered by the juvenile court.
23	(b) The court shall determine whether the dispositional decree
24	should be modified and whether the present placement is in the bes
25 26	interest of the child. The court, in making the court's determination
	may consider the following:
27	(1) The services that have been provided or offered to a parent
28	guardian, or custodian to facilitate a reunion.
29	(2) The extent to which the parent, guardian, or custodian has
30	enhanced the ability to fulfill parental obligations.
31	(3) The extent to which the parent, guardian, or custodian has
32	visited the child, including the reasons for infrequent visitation.
33	(4) The extent to which the parent, guardian, or custodian has
34	cooperated with the probation department.
35	(5) The child's recovery from any injuries suffered before
36	removal.
37	(6) Whether additional services are required for the child or the
38	child's parent, guardian, or custodian and, if so, the nature of the
39	services.
10	(7) The extent to which the child has been rehabilitated.
11	(8) For children who have a permanency plan of another
12	planned permanent living arrangement, the court shall:



1	(A) require the probation officer to testify regarding the
2	intensive, ongoing, and, as of the date of the hearing,
3	unsuccessful efforts made by the probation officer to
4	return the child home or secure a placement for the child
5	with a fit and willing relative, legal guardian, or adoptive
6	parent, including efforts through the use of search
7	technology, such as social media, to find biological or
8	adoptive family members for the child;
9	(B) ask the child about the desired permanency outcome
10	for the child and document the child's response;
11	(C) make a judicial determination explaining why, as of the
12	date of the hearing, another planned permanent living
13	arrangement is the best permanency plan for the child and
14	provide compelling reasons why it continues to not be in
15	the best interests of the child to:
16	(i) return home;
17	(ii) be placed for adoption;
18	(iii) be placed with a legal guardian; or
19	(iv) be placed with a fit and willing relative; and
20	(D) require the probation officer to testify regarding the
21	steps the probation officer is taking to ensure that:
22	(i) the child's foster family home, group home, secure
23	private facility, or child caring institution is following the
24	reasonable and prudent parent standard; and
25	(ii) the child has regular, ongoing opportunities to
26	engage in age or developmentally appropriate activities,
27	including by consulting with the child in an age
28	appropriate manner about the opportunities of the child
29	to participate in the activities.
30	(c) A review of the dispositional decree will be held at least once
31	every six (6) months, or more often, if ordered by the court. At the
32	review, the court shall determine whether or not the probation
33	department has made reasonable efforts to finalize a permanency plan
34	for the child, if required under IC 31-37-19-1.5.
35	SECTION 42. IC 31-37-22-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2014,
36	SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37	JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4.5. (a) This section applies to a delinquent child
38	if the child is placed in an out-of-home residence or facility that is not
39	a secure detention facility.
40	(b) The probation department, after negotiating with:
41	(1) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; and

(2) any child representatives selected by the child and



1	approved by the child's probation officer under
2	IC 31-37-19-1.7;
3	shall complete the child's case plan not later than sixty (60) days after
4	the date of the child's first placement that the probation department
5	requests to be paid for by the department.
6	(c) A copy of the completed case plan shall be sent, not later than
7	ten (10) days after the date of the completion of the plan, to:
8	(1) the department; to
9	(2) the child's parent, guardian, or custodian;
10	(3) the child, if the child is at least fourteen (14) years of age;
11	(4) any child representatives selected by the child and
12	approved by the child's probation officer under
13	IC 31-37-19-1.7; and to an
14	(5) any agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to
15	care for, treat, or supervise the child. not later than ten (10) days
16	after the plan's completion.
17	(d) A child's case plan must be in a form prescribed by the
18	department that meets the specifications set by 45 CFR 1356.21, as
19	amended. The case plan must include a description and discussion of
20	the following:
21	(1) A permanency plan for the child and an estimated date for
22	achieving the goal of the plan. However, a child who is less than
23	sixteen (16) years of age may not have another planned,
24	permanent living arrangement as the child's permanency
25	plan.
26	(2) The appropriate placement for the child based on the child's
27	special needs and best interests.
28	(3) The least restrictive family like setting that is close to the
29	home of the child's parent, custodian, or guardian if out-of-home
30	placement is implemented or recommended, including
31	consideration of possible placement with any suitable and willing
32	relative, before considering other out-of-home placements for the
33	child.
34	(4) Family services recommended for the child, parent, guardian,
35	or custodian.
36	(5) Efforts already made to provide family services to the child,
37	parent, guardian, or custodian.
38	(6) Efforts that will be made to provide family services that are
39	ordered by the court.
40	(7) A plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while
41	in foster care that includes assurances that the:
42	(A) placement of the child in foster care considers the



1	appropriateness of the current educational setting of the child
2	and the proximity to the school where the child presently is
3	enrolled; and
4	(B) department has coordinated with local educational
5	agencies to ensure:
6	(i) the child remains in the school where the child is enrolled
7	at the time of removal; or
8	(ii) immediate and appropriate enrollment of the child in a
9	different school, including arrangements for the transfer of
10	the child's school records to the new school, if remaining in
11	the same school is not in the best interests of the child.
12	(8) Any age appropriate activities that the child is interested
13	in pursuing.
14	(9) If the case plan is for a child in foster care who is at least
15	fourteen (14) years of age, the following:
16	(A) A document that describes the rights of the child with
17	respect to:
18	(i) education, health, visitation, and court participation;
19	(ii) the right to be provided with the child's medical
20	documents and other medical information; and
21	(iii) the right to stay safe and avoid exploitation.
22	(B) A signed acknowledgment by the child that the:
23	(i) child has been provided with a copy of the document
24	described in clause (A); and
25	(ii) rights contained in the document have been explained
26	to the individual in an age appropriate manner.
27	(e) The probation department and each caretaker of a child shall
28	cooperate in the development of the case plan for the child. The
29	probation department shall discuss with at least one (1) foster parent or
30	other caretaker of a child the role of the substitute caretaker or facility
31	regarding the following:
32	(1) Rehabilitation of the child and the child's parents, guardians,
33	and custodians.
34	(2) Visitation arrangements.
35	(3) Services required to meet the special needs of the child.
36	(f) The case plan must be reviewed and updated by the probation
37	department at least once every one hundred eighty (180) days.
38	SECTION 43. IC 31-37-22-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
39	CODE AS A <b>NEW</b> SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
40	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 10. (a) This section applies to an
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41 42	individual who:  (1) is leaving foster care because the individual is eighteen (18)



1	years of age or older; and
2	(2) has been in foster care for at least six (6) months.
3	(b) Before an individual described in subsection (a) leaves foster
4	care, the department shall provide to the individual, if the
5	individual is eligible to receive, all the following documents:
6	(1) An official or certified copy of the individual's United
7	States birth certificate.
8	(2) A Social Security card issued for the individual by the
9	Social Security Administration.
10	(3) Health or insurance records.
11	(4) A copy of the individual's medical records.
12	(5) A driver's license or identification card issued by the state.



#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1434, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 6, line 18, after "services" insert "or a court".

Page 6, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new paragraph and insert: "SECTION 6. IC 31-9-2-58.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 58.2. "Independent living", for purposes of IC 31-28-5.8, IC 31-34-20, and IC 31-37-19, means a living arrangement that provides housing for a youth that is not supervised on site, such as a dormitory, apartment, or shared housing, and is not a foster home, host home, group home, child caring institution, or private secure facility."

Page 8, line 26, after "adulthood" insert "services".

Page 9, line 21, delete "adulthood," and insert "adulthood services,".

Page 10, delete lines 37 through 38, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(5) The provisions made for the purchase of services.

#### (6) Interagency relations.".

Page 12, delete lines 22 through 35.

Page 13, line 9, after "promote" insert ",".

Page 13, line 10, after "to" insert ",".

Page 13, line 28, delete "successful adulthood" and insert "independent living".

Page 14, line 8, after "adulthood" insert "services".

Page 17, line 41, delete "be" and insert "be:

### (A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

**(B)**".

Page 20, line 11, delete "arrangement or" and insert "arrangement,".

Page 20, line 11, strike "the transition of the child from foster care to".

Page 20, line 12, strike "independent living,".

Page 28, line 3, delete "be" and insert "be:

(A) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

**(B)**".

Page 30, line 25, delete "be placed in" and insert "have".



Page 30, line 26, delete "arrangement." and insert "arrangement as the child's permanency plan.".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1434 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

