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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7288

BILL NUMBER: HB 1531

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 22, 2021

BILL AMENDED: Feb 18, 2021

SUBJECT: DCS and the Education Community.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. DeVon

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Houchin

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Definition:* The bill defines "exigent circumstances" for purposes of action taken by the Department of Child Services (DCS) with respect to a child.

At School Interview: The bill allows DCS to interview a child at the child's school without parental consent if:

- (1) the DCS employee presents his or her credentials or other proof of employment for inspection; and
- (2) there is written proof of exigent circumstances.

School Participation: It also requires that the DCS provide assurances that the child's school, or its representative, has been invited to participate in the case plan process.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill will minimally increase workload for the DCS to provide case plan meeting notices to a child's school.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Schools may have additional costs to provide a representative to participate in a case plan process and workload to determine whether a DCS employee may interview a child at school without parental permission.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources:

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