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## HOUSE BILL No. 1098

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DIGEST OF HB 1098 (Updated February 4, 2025 5:47 pm - DI 134)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.

**Synopsis:** Youth, family, and caregiver engagement initiative. Provides that the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (CISC) must create and provide staff support to a statewide youth, family, and caregiver engagement initiative to carry out certain duties. Adds that CISC must provide staff to the statewide juvenile justice oversight body.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

January 27, 2025, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 126.3.

February 6, 2025, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

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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 2-5-36-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024,  
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9. The commission shall do the following:

4 (1) Study and evaluate the following:

5 (A) Access to services for vulnerable youth.

6 (B) Availability of services for vulnerable youth.

7 (C) Duplication of services for vulnerable youth.

8 (D) Funding of services available for vulnerable youth.

9 (E) Barriers to service for vulnerable youth.

10 (F) Communication and cooperation by agencies concerning  
11 vulnerable youth.

12 (G) Implementation of programs or laws concerning  
13 vulnerable youth.

14 (H) The consolidation of existing entities that serve vulnerable  
15 youth.

16 (I) Data from state agencies relevant to evaluating progress,  
17 targeting efforts, and demonstrating outcomes.

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- 1 (J) Crimes of sexual violence against children.  
 2 (K) The impact of social networking websites, cellular  
 3 telephones and wireless communications devices, digital  
 4 media, and new technology on crimes against children.  
 5 (2) Review and make recommendations concerning pending  
 6 legislation.  
 7 (3) Promote information sharing concerning vulnerable youth  
 8 across the state.  
 9 (4) Promote best practices, policies, and programs.  
 10 (5) Cooperate with:  
 11 (A) other child focused commissions;  
 12 (B) the judicial branch of government;  
 13 (C) the executive branch of government;  
 14 (D) stakeholders; and  
 15 (E) members of the community.  
 16 (6) Create **and provide staff support to** a statewide juvenile  
 17 justice oversight body to carry out the following duties described  
 18 in section 9.3 of this chapter:  
 19 (A) Develop a plan to collect and report statewide juvenile  
 20 justice data.  
 21 (B) Establish procedures and policies related to the use of:  
 22 (i) a validated risk screening tool and a validated risk and  
 23 needs assessment tool;  
 24 (ii) a detention tool to inform the use of secure detention;  
 25 (iii) a plan to determine how information from the tools  
 26 described in this clause is compiled and shared and with  
 27 whom the information will be shared; and  
 28 (iv) a plan to provide training to judicial officers on the  
 29 implementation of the tools described in this clause.  
 30 (C) Develop criteria for the use of diagnostic assessments as  
 31 described in IC 31-37-19-11.7.  
 32 (D) Develop a statewide plan to address the provision of  
 33 broader behavioral health services to children in the juvenile  
 34 justice system.  
 35 (E) Develop a plan for the provision of transitional services for  
 36 a child who is a ward of the department of correction as  
 37 described in IC 31-37-19-11.5.  
 38 (F) Develop a plan for grant programs described in section 9.3  
 39 of this chapter.  
 40 The initial appointments and designations to the statewide  
 41 juvenile justice oversight body described in this subdivision shall  
 42 be made not later than May 31, 2022. The chief justice of the



1 supreme court shall designate the chair of the statewide juvenile  
 2 justice oversight body and shall make the initial appointments and  
 3 designations to the statewide juvenile justice oversight body,  
 4 which may incorporate members of an existing committee or  
 5 subcommittee formed under the commission. The initial meeting  
 6 of the oversight body shall be held not later than July 1, 2022.

7 **(7) Create and provide staff support to a statewide youth,  
 8 family, and caregiver engagement initiative to carry out the  
 9 following duties:**

10 **(A) Provide staff support and funding for commission  
 11 activities provided by a:**

12 **(i) youth member of the commission appointed under  
 13 IC 2-5-36-4; or**

14 **(ii) youth, family, or caregiver member of a commission  
 15 committee, task force, or subcommittee who has been  
 16 appointed as a community member.**

17 **(B) Develop a statewide plan to support, encourage, and  
 18 expand the engagement of youth, families, and caregivers  
 19 in state policymaking impacting youth and children.**

20 **(C) Provide and support educational:**

21 **(i) opportunities;**

22 **(ii) convenings; and**

23 **(iii) experiences;**

24 **that facilitate increased youth, family, and caregiver  
 25 participation.**

26 **(D) Support the efforts of other state agencies and  
 27 community organizations that seek to support, encourage,  
 28 and expand the engagement of youth, families, and  
 29 caregivers in policy decisions impacting youth and  
 30 children.**

31 **(7) (8) Submit a report not later than September 1 of each year  
 32 regarding the commission's work during the previous year. The  
 33 report shall be submitted to the legislative council, the governor,  
 34 and the chief justice of Indiana. The report to the legislative  
 35 council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1098, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1098 as introduced.)

DEVON

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1098, 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:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Page 3, delete lines 36 through 42.

Delete page 4.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1098 as printed January 27, 2025.)

THOMPSON

Committee Vote: yeas 22, nays 0.

