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HOUSE BILL No. 1126

DIGEST OF HB 1126 (Updated January 13, 2022 11:20 am - DI 119)

Citations Affected: IC 31-27.

Synopsis: Trauma informed personnel for residential child care. Allows licensed child caring institutions, group homes, and secure private facilities (residential child care facilities) to hire not more than one trauma informed support employee per living unit per shift. Provides for full reimbursement of the cost of employment of a trauma informed support employee for residential child care facilities that have four or more children residing in a living unit. Excludes trauma informed support employees from calculation of the ratio of direct care staff to children for purposes of rate setting for residential child care facilities.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 4, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

January 13, 2022, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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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 2021 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 31-27-2-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2022]: **Sec. 14. (a) The following definitions apply throughout**
4 **this section:**
5 (1) **"Direct care" means physical assistance provided to an**
6 **individual with the individual's personal care or activities of**
7 **daily living.**
8 (2) **"Living unit" means a:**
9 (A) **building; or**
10 (B) **part of a building;**
11 **that contains separate living, sleeping, and sanitation facilities**
12 **for a group of children who eat, sleep, and have some of the**
13 **children's daily activities apart from other groups of children.**
14 (3) **"Trauma informed support employee" means an**
15 **individual employed by a residential treatment services**
16 **provider to do the following per department licensing**
17 **requirements:**

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- 1 **(A) Fill vacancies in living units.**
- 2 **(B) Respond to crisis situations.**
- 3 **(C) Support residents and staff.**
- 4 **(D) Stabilize the treatment environment.**
- 5 **(b) In addition to staffing required by state code or department**
- 6 **policy, the following may employ not more than one (1) trauma**
- 7 **informed support employee per living unit per shift:**
- 8 **(1) A child caring institution licensed under IC 31-27-3.**
- 9 **(2) A group home licensed under IC 31-27-5.**
- 10 **(3) A secure private facility licensed under 465 IAC 2-11 (as**
- 11 **in effect on January 1, 2022).**
- 12 **(c) The department shall provide full reimbursement if an entity**
- 13 **described in subsection (b):**
- 14 **(1) has at least four (4) children residing in a living unit; and**
- 15 **(2) seeks reimbursement from the department for the costs**
- 16 **associated with employing a trauma informed support**
- 17 **employee.**
- 18 **(d) For purposes of reimbursement, the department shall not**
- 19 **count a trauma informed support employee in the calculation of**
- 20 **the entity's direct care staff to child ratio.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1126, 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 1126 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

