



January 15, 2019

SENATE BILL No. 170

DIGEST OF SB 170 (Updated January 14, 2019 11:32 am - DI 133)

Citations Affected: IC 31-25.

Synopsis: Child fatality report information. Specifies that the report concerning child fatalities in Indiana must include information concerning whether the death occurred: (1) while the child was placed in foster care; or (2) after the child, who was once placed in foster care, was returned to a natural parent.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.
January 14, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

SENATE BILL No. 170

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 31-25-2-24, AS ADDED BY P.L.119-2013,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 24. **(a)** The department shall annually prepare a
4 report concerning all child fatalities in Indiana that are the result of
5 child abuse or neglect. The report must include the following
6 information:
7 (1) A summary of the information gathered concerning child
8 fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.
9 (2) Demographic information regarding victims, perpetrators, and
10 households involved in child fatalities resulting from abuse or
11 neglect.
12 (3) An analysis of the primary risk factors involved in child
13 fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.
14 (4) A summary of the most frequent causes of child fatalities
15 resulting from abuse or neglect.
16 (5) A description of the manner in which the information was
17 assembled.

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1 The department shall post the report prepared under this section on the
2 department's Internet web site.

3 **(b) As part of the summary of information described in**
4 **subsection (a)(1), the report must include whether the death**
5 **occurred in either of the following settings:**

6 **(1) While the child was placed in foster care.**

7 **(2) After the child, who was once placed in foster care, was**
8 **returned to a natural parent.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 170, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 170 as introduced.)

GROOMS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

