

HOUSE BILL No. 1032

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-34-2-1.5; IC 31-34-2.5-1; IC 34-30-2-134.5; IC 35-46-1-4; IC 36-8-16.7-45.

Synopsis: Newborn safety devices. Provides for placement of a newborn safety device at any facility that is staffed by an emergency medical services provider on a 24 hour per day, seven day per week basis, provided the newborn safety device: (1) is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to staff; and (2) includes a dual alarm system that is connected to the facility and is tested at least one time per month to ensure the alarm system is in working order. Provides for placement of a newborn safety device at any fire department, including a volunteer fire department, that is located within the jurisdiction of a city or town law enforcement agency, provided the newborn safety device is equipped with an alert system that: (1) when the newborn safety device is opened, automatically connects to the 911 system and transmits a request for immediate dispatch of an emergency medical services provider to the location of the newborn safety device; and (2) is tested at least one time per month to ensure the alert system is in working order. Provides that a person who in good faith voluntarily leaves a child in a newborn safety device located at such a facility or fire station is not obligated to disclose the parent's name or the person's name. Makes conforming amendments.

Effective: Upon passage.

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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 16-34-2-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.73-2020,
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1.5. (a) The state department shall develop an
4 informed consent brochure and post the informed consent brochure on
5 the state department's Internet web site.
6 (b) The state department shall develop an informed consent
7 brochure that includes the following:
8 (1) Objective scientific information concerning the probable
9 anatomical and physiological characteristics of a fetus every two
10 (2) weeks of gestational age, including the following:
11 (A) Realistic pictures in color for each age of the fetus,
12 including the dimensions of the fetus.
13 (B) Whether there is any possibility of the fetus surviving
14 outside the womb.
15 (2) Objective scientific information concerning the medical risks
16 associated with each abortion procedure or the use of an abortion
17 inducing drug, including the following:



- 1 (A) The risks of infection and hemorrhaging.
 2 (B) The potential danger:
 3 (i) to a subsequent pregnancy; or
 4 (ii) of infertility.
 5 (3) Information concerning the medical risks associated with
 6 carrying the child to term.
 7 (4) Information that medical assistance benefits may be available
 8 for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care.
 9 (5) Information that the biological father is liable for assistance in
 10 support of the child, regardless of whether the biological father
 11 has offered to pay for an abortion.
 12 (6) Information regarding telephone 211 dialing code services for
 13 accessing human services as described in IC 12-13-16, and the
 14 types of services that are available through this service.
 15 (7) Information concerning Indiana's safe haven law under
 16 IC 31-34-2.5-1.
 17 (8) Information that, under certain conditions, a pregnant woman
 18 may relinquish a child who is, or who appears to be, not more
 19 than thirty (30) days of age:
 20 (A) to an emergency medical services provider (as defined in
 21 IC 16-41-10-1); or
 22 (B) in a newborn safety device described in IC 31-34-2.5-1. ~~at~~
 23 ~~a participating fire department or other site that is staffed by an~~
 24 ~~emergency medical services provider.~~
 25 (c) In the development of the informed consent brochure described
 26 in this section, the state department shall use information and pictures
 27 that are available at no cost or nominal cost to the state department.
 28 (d) The informed consent brochure must include the requirements
 29 specified in this chapter.
 30 SECTION 2. IC 31-34-2.5-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2018,
 31 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 UPON PASSAGE]; Sec. 1. (a) An emergency medical services
 33 provider (as defined in IC 16-41-10-1) shall, without a court order, take
 34 custody of a child who is, or who appears to be, not more than thirty
 35 (30) days of age if
 36 (†) the child is voluntarily left:
 37 (A) (1) with the provider by the child's parent;
 38 (B) (2) in a newborn safety device that:
 39 (i) (A) has been approved by a hospital licensed under
 40 IC 16-21;
 41 (ii) (B) is physically located inside a hospital that is staffed
 42 continuously on a twenty-four (24) hour basis every day to



- 1 provide care to patients in an emergency; and
 2 ~~(iii) (C)~~ is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible
 3 to hospital staff;
 4 ~~(E) (3)~~ in a newborn safety device that was installed on or
 5 before January 1, 2017, and is located at a site that is staffed
 6 by an emergency medical services provider (as defined in
 7 IC 16-41-10-1); ~~or~~
 8 ~~(D) (4)~~ in a newborn safety device that:
 9 ~~(i) (A)~~ is located at a ~~fire department, including a volunteer~~
 10 ~~fire department, facility~~ that is staffed by an emergency
 11 medical services provider (as defined in IC 16-41-10-1) on
 12 a twenty-four (24) hour seven (7) day a week basis;
 13 ~~(ii) (B)~~ is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible
 14 to staff; and
 15 ~~(iii) (C)~~ includes an adequate dual alarm system connected
 16 to the site that is tested at least one (1) time per month to
 17 ensure the alarm system is in working order; ~~and or~~
 18 **(5) in a newborn safety device that:**
 19 **(A) is located at a fire department, including a volunteer**
 20 **fire department, that is located within the jurisdiction of a**
 21 **city or town law enforcement agency; and**
 22 **(B) is equipped with an alert system:**
 23 **(i) that, when the newborn safety device is opened,**
 24 **automatically connects to the 911 system and transmits**
 25 **a request for immediate dispatch of an emergency**
 26 **medical services provider (as defined in IC 16-41-10-1)**
 27 **to the location of the newborn safety device; and**
 28 **(ii) that is tested at least one (1) time per month to ensure**
 29 **the alert system is in working order;**
 30 ~~(2) and~~ the parent does not express an intent to return for the child.
 31 (b) An emergency medical services provider who takes custody of
 32 a child under this section shall perform any act necessary to protect the
 33 child's physical health or safety.
 34 (c) Any person who in good faith voluntarily leaves a child:
 35 (1) with an emergency medical services provider; or
 36 (2) in a newborn safety device described in ~~subsection (a)(1)(B);~~
 37 **this section;**
 38 is not obligated to disclose the parent's name or the person's name.
 39 (d) A hospital that approves the operation of a newborn safety
 40 device that meets the requirements set forth in subsection ~~(a)(1)(B)~~
 41 **(a)(2)** is immune from civil liability for an act or omission relating to
 42 the operation of the newborn safety device unless the act or omission



1 constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

2 (e) A newborn safety device described in subsection ~~(a)(1)(C)~~ **(a)(3)**
3 may continue to operate without meeting the conditions set forth in
4 subsection ~~(a)(1)(B)~~: **(a)(2)**.

5 (f) A:

6 **(1) facility that meets the requirements set forth in subsection**
7 **(a)(4); or**

8 **(2) fire department, including a volunteer fire department, that**
9 **meets the requirements set forth in subsection ~~(a)(1)(D)~~ (a)(5);**
10 **is immune from civil liability for an act or omission relating to the**
11 **operation of the newborn safety device unless the act or omission**
12 **constitutes gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.**

13 SECTION 3. IC 34-30-2-134.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.205-2018,
14 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 UPON PASSAGE]; Sec. 134.5. IC 31-34-2.5-1 (Concerning a hospital,
16 ~~or~~ fire department, **or other facility** operating a newborn safety
17 device).

18 SECTION 4. IC 35-46-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.184-2019,
19 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
20 UPON PASSAGE]; Sec. 4. (a) A person having the care of a
21 dependent, whether assumed voluntarily or because of a legal
22 obligation, who knowingly or intentionally:

- 23 (1) places the dependent in a situation that endangers the
24 dependent's life or health;
25 (2) abandons or cruelly confines the dependent;
26 (3) deprives the dependent of necessary support; or
27 (4) deprives the dependent of education as required by law;

28 commits neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 felony.

29 (b) However, the offense is:

- 30 (1) a Level 5 felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(1),
31 (a)(2), or (a)(3) and:

32 (A) results in bodily injury; or

33 (B) is:

- 34 (i) committed in a location where a person is violating
35 IC 35-48-4-1 (dealing in cocaine or a narcotic drug),
36 IC 35-48-4-1.1 (dealing in methamphetamine), or
37 IC 35-48-4-1.2 (manufacturing methamphetamine); or
38 (ii) the result of a violation of IC 35-48-4-1 (dealing in
39 cocaine or a narcotic drug), IC 35-48-4-1.1 (dealing in
40 methamphetamine), or IC 35-48-4-1.2 (manufacturing
41 methamphetamine);

- 42 (2) a Level 3 felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(1),



1 (a)(2), or (a)(3) and results in serious bodily injury;
 2 (3) a Level 1 felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(1),
 3 (a)(2), or (a)(3) by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age and
 4 results in the death or catastrophic injury of a dependent who is
 5 less than fourteen (14) years of age or in the death or catastrophic
 6 injury of a dependent of any age who has a mental or physical
 7 disability; and

8 (4) a Level 5 felony if it is committed under subsection (a)(2) and
 9 consists of cruel confinement or abandonment that:

10 (A) deprives a dependent of necessary food, water, or sanitary
 11 facilities;

12 (B) consists of confinement in an area not intended for human
 13 habitation; or

14 (C) involves the unlawful use of handcuffs, a rope, a cord,
 15 tape, or a similar device to physically restrain a dependent.

16 (c) It is a defense to a prosecution based on an alleged act under this
 17 section that:

18 (1) the accused person left a dependent child who was, at the time
 19 the alleged act occurred, not more than thirty (30) days of age:

20 (A) in a newborn safety device described in
 21 ~~IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(1)(B)~~; ~~IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(1)(C)~~; or
 22 ~~IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(1)(D)~~; **IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(2)**,
 23 **IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(3)**, **IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(4)**, or
 24 **IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(5)**; or

25 (B) with a person who is an emergency medical services
 26 provider (as defined in IC 16-41-10-1) who took custody of the
 27 child under IC 31-34-2.5;

28 when the prosecution is based solely on the alleged act of leaving
 29 the child in the newborn safety device or with the emergency
 30 medical services provider and the alleged act did not result in
 31 bodily injury or serious bodily injury to the child; or

32 (2) the accused person, in the legitimate practice of the accused
 33 person's religious belief, provided treatment by spiritual means
 34 through prayer, in lieu of medical care, to the accused person's
 35 dependent.

36 (d) Except for property transferred or received:

37 (1) under a court order made in connection with a proceeding
 38 under IC 31-15, IC 31-16, IC 31-17, or IC 31-35 (or IC 31-1-11.5
 39 or IC 31-6-5 before their repeal); or

40 (2) under section 9(d) of this chapter;

41 a person who transfers or receives any property in consideration for the
 42 termination of the care, custody, or control of a person's dependent



1 child commits child selling, a Level 6 felony.
2 SECTION 5. IC 36-8-16.7-45, AS ADDED BY P.L.132-2012,
3 SECTION 20, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 45. (a) This section does not apply to:
5 (1) a person that connects to a 911 network using automatic crash
6 notification technology subject to an established protocol; **or**
7 (2) **a newborn safety device described in IC 31-34-2.5-1(a)(5).**
8 (b) A person may not connect to a 911 network an automatic alarm,
9 automatic dialer, or other automated alerting device that:
10 (1) causes the number 911 to be automatically dialed; or
11 (2) provides through a prerecorded message information
12 regarding obtaining 911 emergency service.
13 (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section
14 commits a Class A misdemeanor.
15 SECTION 6. **An emergency is declared for this act.**

