

HOUSE BILL No. 1267

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-41-14; IC 29-1; IC 31-9-2; IC 31-14-7-1; IC 31-20; IC 35-46-5-3.

Synopsis: Assisted reproduction and gestational surrogacy. Amends provisions regarding testing of donated human sperm and eggs. Repeals current Indiana law regarding surrogacy agreements. Enacts the gestational surrogacy act, which establishes: (1) presumptions regarding parentage; (2) prerequisites for individuals who wish to enter into a gestational surrogacy agreement; (3) procedural requirements for gestational surrogacy; (4) requirements for gestational surrogacy agreements; (5) support obligations with regard to a child born as the result of gestational surrogacy; (6) remedies for breach of a gestational surrogacy agreement; and (7) provisions for determination of jurisdiction over litigation regarding a gestational surrogacy agreement. Enacts the gamete donation act, which establishes: (1) presumptions regarding parentage of a child born as the result of gamete donation; (2) prerequisites for individuals who wish to enter into a gamete donation agreement; (3) procedural requirements for gamete donation; (4) requirements for gamete donation agreements; (5) provisions regarding parentage of a child born posthumously to a gamete donor; (6) remedies for breach of a gamete donation agreement; and (7) provisions for determination of jurisdiction over litigation regarding a gamete donation agreement. Provides certain criteria for the payment of compensation to an ovum donor. Provides that a gestational surrogacy agreement may not limit the right of the gestational surrogate to make any decision concerning the gestational surrogate's right to terminate or continue a pregnancy. Provides that any term or condition in a gestational surrogacy agreement that contradicts or seeks to abrogate a surrogate's right to continue or terminate a pregnancy is
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void. Provides that consent from the spouse of a gestational surrogate is not required in the execution of a gestational surrogacy agreement and defines the legal relationship between the spouse of a gestational surrogate and a resulting child. Provides that certain conditions must be met prior to the issuance of a prebirth court order by a court. Requires all reproductive endocrinologists and mental health professionals engaging in gestational surrogacy matters to remain informed of recommended guidelines published by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Provides that court orders concerning gestational surrogacy do not provide a court with jurisdiction over the matters of child custody or child support if jurisdiction over the matters is not otherwise authorized. Provides that a court order concerning the establishment of parentage shall be given full faith and credit in another state if an Indiana establishment of parentage court order constitutes a signed record and otherwise complies with the laws of the other state. Exempts donor compensation for gamete donation from certain prohibitions concerning the sale of a human ovum, zygote, embryo, or fetus under certain circumstances. Allows the retrieval of gametes from a person who is: (1) deceased; (2) brain dead; (3) comatose; or (4) in a persistent vegetative state; in certain instances. Specifies that: (1) maternity; and (2) paternity; must be established not later than four years after the death of a parent in instances involving children born through use of assisted reproduction. Specifies factors for a court to consider when deciding upon the disposition of cryopreserved embryos: (1) during a divorce or separation; and (2) in the absence of an agreement concerning the ultimate disposition of cryopreserved embryos. Defines certain terms. Makes conforming amendments.



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HOUSE BILL No. 1267

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 16-41-14-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not
3 apply to a donor who is the husband **or sexually intimate partner** of
4 the recipient.
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-14-3.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 3.2. As used in this chapter,**
8 **"fertility clinic" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-20-1.2-6.**
- 9 SECTION 3. IC 16-41-14-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
10 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 3.3. As used in this chapter,**
12 **"gamete" has the meaning set forth in IC 31-20-1.2-7.**
- 13 SECTION 4. IC 16-41-14-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
14 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter,**

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1 **"sexually intimate partner" has the meaning set forth in**
 2 **IC 31-20-1.2-15.**

3 SECTION 5. IC 16-41-14-4.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4.8. (a) An**
 6 **obstetrician/gynecologist may perform an anonymous donor**
 7 **insemination if the sperm used in the insemination is supplied by**
 8 **a laboratory or clinic that is:**

9 (1) registered with; and

10 (2) compliant with the regulations issued by;
 11 **the federal Food and Drug Administration.**

12 (b) **A medical procedure related to a gamete donation in which**
 13 **the donor's identity is known by the intended parent must be**
 14 **performed at a fertility clinic that is:**

15 (1) registered with; and

16 (2) compliant with the regulations issued by;
 17 **the federal Food and Drug Administration.**

18 SECTION 6. IC 16-41-14-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 19 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 5. (a) Except as**
 20 **provided in subsection (e) and section 7 7.1 of this chapter, a**
 21 **practitioner shall test each donor of semen for the following diseases**
 22 **before the donor provides a donation:**

23 (1) Syphilis.

24 (2) Hepatitis B surface antigen and core antibody.

25 (3) HIV antibody.

26 (b) Except as provided in section 7 7.1 of this chapter, a practitioner
 27 shall test each recipient initially and at least annually as long as
 28 artificial insemination procedures are continuing for the following
 29 diseases:

30 (1) Syphilis.

31 (2) Hepatitis B surface antigen.

32 (3) HIV antibody.

33 (c) A practitioner shall perform or arrange for a confirmatory test for
 34 HIV antibody if the initial screening test for HIV antibody yields
 35 positive results.

36 (d) The practitioner shall report the information required under
 37 IC 16-41-2 when a test performed under subsection (c) confirms the
 38 presence of a disease required to be reported to the state department.

39 (e) If a practitioner states in writing that a person has a disease or
 40 will soon undergo medical treatment that may damage the person's:

41 (1) ability to donate semen; or

42 (2) semen;



1 the practitioner shall allow the person to donate semen before
2 performing the tests required under subsection (a).

3 SECTION 7. IC 16-41-14-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
4 2023]. Sec. 7: (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a practitioner
5 may not use a donation of semen until the following conditions are met:

6 (1) The specimen has been frozen and quarantined for at least one
7 hundred eighty (180) days.

8 (2) The donor is retested after one hundred eighty (180) days for
9 the HIV antibody.

10 (b) If the recipient indicates that the donor is in a mutually
11 monogamous relationship with the recipient, the practitioner:

12 (1) shall perform the HIV test required under this chapter for the
13 donor at least annually as long as artificial insemination
14 procedures are continuing; and

15 (2) may not perform artificial insemination unless the tests for
16 HIV antibody performed under this chapter produce negative
17 results.

18 SECTION 8. IC 16-41-14-7.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 7.1. A practitioner may not use
21 a donated gamete in a nonanonymous donation under IC 31-20-1.2
22 unless the practitioner complies with the testing requirements of
23 the federal Food and Drug Administration.**

24 SECTION 9. IC 16-41-14-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 14. (a) A practitioner
26 shall keep the following:

27 (1) A record of the information required under this chapter.

28 (2) The results of tests required under sections 5 and ~~7~~ **7.1** of this
29 chapter.

30 (3) A writing required under section 5(e) of this chapter.

31 (b) Records kept under this section shall be made available to the
32 state department for inspection.

33 (c) The state department may enter and inspect a practitioner's
34 facility to investigate the premises, books, and records as necessary to
35 carry out this chapter.

36 (d) A person may not interfere with the performance of the state
37 department of health under this chapter.

38 SECTION 10. IC 16-41-14-16 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 16. **Except as
40 otherwise provided in this chapter**, a practitioner who:

41 (1) is responsible for conducting a screening test required under
42 this chapter; and



1 (2) knowingly or intentionally fails to conduct the screening test;
2 commits a Class A misdemeanor.

3 SECTION 11. IC 29-1-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.185-2021,
4 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
5 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) The following definitions apply throughout
6 this article, unless otherwise apparent from the context:

7 (1) "Child" includes:

8 (A) an adopted child; or

9 (B) a child that is:

10 (i) in gestation before the death of a deceased parent and
11 born within forty-three (43) weeks after the death of that
12 parent; and

13 (ii) naturally conceived; or

14 (C) a child that is:

15 (i) conceived through assisted reproduction; and

16 (ii) determined to be, by a court of competent
17 jurisdiction, the child of a deceased mother or father;
18 after the death of the parent if an action to establish legal
19 parentage is filed not later than four (4) years after the
20 death of the parent.

21 The term does not include a grandchild or other more remote
22 descendants, nor, except as provided in IC 29-1-2-7, a child born
23 out of wedlock.

24 (2) "Claimant" means a person having a claim against the
25 decedent's estate as described in IC 29-1-14-1(a).

26 (3) "Claims" includes liabilities of a decedent which survive,
27 whether arising in contract or in tort or otherwise, expenses of
28 administration, and all taxes imposed by reason of the person's
29 death. However, for purposes of IC 29-1-2-1 and IC 29-1-3-1, the
30 term does not include taxes imposed by reason of the person's
31 death.

32 (4) "Court" means the court having probate jurisdiction.

33 (5) "Decedent" means one who dies testate or intestate.

34 (6) "Devise" or "legacy", when used as a noun, means a
35 testamentary disposition of either real or personal property or
36 both.

37 (7) "Devise", when used as a verb, means to dispose of either real
38 or personal property or both by will.

39 (8) "Devisee" includes legatee, and "legatee" includes devisee.

40 (9) "Directed paralegal" means a nonlawyer assistant who is
41 employed, retained, or otherwise associated with a licensed
42 attorney or law firm and whose work is directly supervised by a



- 1 licensed attorney, as required by Rule 5.3 of the Rules of
 2 Professional Conduct.
- 3 (10) "Distributee" denotes those persons who are entitled to the
 4 real and personal property of a decedent under a will, under the
 5 statutes of intestate succession, or under IC 29-1-4-1.
- 6 (11) "Estate" denotes the real and personal property of the
 7 decedent or protected person, as from time to time changed in
 8 form by sale, reinvestment, or otherwise, and augmented by any
 9 accretions and additions thereto and substitutions therefor and
 10 diminished by any decreases and distributions therefrom.
- 11 (12) "Expenses of administration" includes expenses incurred by
 12 or on behalf of a decedent's estate in the collection of assets, the
 13 payment of debts, and the distribution of property to the persons
 14 entitled to the property, including funeral expenses, expenses of
 15 a tombstone, expenses incurred in the disposition of the
 16 decedent's body, executor's commissions, attorney's fees, and
 17 miscellaneous expenses.
- 18 (13) "Fiduciary" includes a:
 19 (A) personal representative;
 20 (B) guardian;
 21 (C) conservator;
 22 (D) trustee; and
 23 (E) person designated in a protective order to act on behalf of
 24 a protected person.
- 25 (14) "Heirs" denotes those persons, including the surviving
 26 spouse, who are entitled under the statutes of intestate succession
 27 to the real and personal property of a decedent on the decedent's
 28 death intestate, unless otherwise defined or limited by the will.
- 29 (15) For purposes of IC 29-1-5, and with respect to testators and
 30 attesting witnesses, "in the presence of" has the meaning set forth
 31 in subdivision (16).
- 32 (16) For purposes of IC 29-1-5, and with respect to testators and
 33 attesting witnesses, "presence" means a process of signing and
 34 witnessing in which:
 35 (A) the testator and witness are:
 36 (i) directly present with each other in the same physical
 37 space; or
 38 (ii) able to interact with each other in real time through use
 39 of any audiovisual communications technology now known
 40 or later developed;
 41 (B) the testator and witness are able to positively identify each
 42 other; and



- 1 (C) each witness is able to interact with the testator and with
 2 each other by observing:
 3 (i) the testator's expression of intent to make a will;
 4 (ii) the testator's actions in executing or directing the
 5 execution of the testator's will; and
 6 (iii) the actions of other witnesses when signing the will.
 7 The term includes the use of technology or learned skills for the
 8 purpose of assisting with hearing, eyesight, and speech, or for the
 9 purpose of compensating for a hearing, eyesight, or speech
 10 impairment.
 11 (17) "Incapacitated" has the meaning set forth in IC 29-3-1-7.5.
 12 (18) "Interested persons" means heirs, devisees, spouses,
 13 creditors, or any others having a property right in or claim against
 14 the estate of a decedent being administered. This meaning may
 15 vary at different stages and different parts of a proceeding and
 16 must be determined according to the particular purpose and
 17 matter involved.
 18 (19) "Issue" of a person, when used to refer to persons who take
 19 by intestate succession, includes all lawful lineal descendants
 20 except those who are lineal descendants of living lineal
 21 descendants of the intestate.
 22 (20) "Lease" includes an oil and gas lease or other mineral lease.
 23 (21) "Letters" includes letters testamentary, letters of
 24 administration, and letters of guardianship.
 25 (22) "Minor" or "minor child" or "minority" refers to any person
 26 under the age of eighteen (18) years.
 27 (23) "Mortgage" includes deed of trust, vendor's lien, and chattel
 28 mortgage.
 29 (24) "Net estate" refers to the real and personal property of a
 30 decedent less the allowances provided under IC 29-1-4-1 and
 31 enforceable claims against the estate.
 32 (25) "No contest provision" refers to a provision of a will that, if
 33 given effect, would reduce or eliminate the interest of a
 34 beneficiary of the will who, directly or indirectly, initiates or
 35 otherwise pursues:
 36 (A) an action to contest the admissibility or validity of the will;
 37 (B) an action to set aside a term of the will; or
 38 (C) any other act to frustrate or defeat the testator's intent as
 39 expressed in the terms of the will.
 40 (26) "Observe" means to perceive another's actions or expressions
 41 of intent through the senses of eyesight or hearing, or both. The
 42 term includes perceptions involving the use of technology or



- 1 learned skills to:
- 2 (A) assist the person's capabilities of eyesight or hearing, or
- 3 both; or
- 4 (B) compensate for an impairment of the person's capabilities
- 5 of eyesight or hearing, or both.
- 6 (27) "Observing" has the meaning set forth in subdivision (26).
- 7 (28) "Person" means:
- 8 (A) an individual;
- 9 (B) a corporation;
- 10 (C) a trust;
- 11 (D) a limited liability company;
- 12 (E) a partnership;
- 13 (F) a business trust;
- 14 (G) an estate;
- 15 (H) an association;
- 16 (I) a joint venture;
- 17 (J) a government or political subdivision;
- 18 (K) an agency;
- 19 (L) an instrumentality; or
- 20 (M) any other legal or commercial entity.
- 21 (29) "Personal property" includes interests in goods, money,
- 22 choses in action, evidences of debt, and chattels real.
- 23 (30) "Personal representative" includes executor, administrator,
- 24 administrator with the will annexed, administrator de bonis non,
- 25 and special administrator.
- 26 (31) "Petition for administration" means a petition filed under
- 27 IC 29-1-7-5 for the:
- 28 (A) probate of a will and for issuance of letters testamentary;
- 29 (B) appointment of an administrator with the will annexed; or
- 30 (C) appointment of an administrator.
- 31 (32) "Probate estate" denotes the property transferred at the death
- 32 of a decedent under the decedent's will or under IC 29-1-2, in the
- 33 case of a decedent dying intestate.
- 34 (33) "Property" includes both real and personal property.
- 35 (34) "Protected person" has the meaning set forth in IC 29-3-1-13.
- 36 (35) "Real property" includes estates and interests in land,
- 37 corporeal or incorporeal, legal or equitable, other than chattels
- 38 real.
- 39 (36) "Unit" means the estate recovery unit of the office of
- 40 Medicaid policy and planning established under IC 12-8-6.5-1.
- 41 (37) "Unit address" means the unit's mailing address that appears
- 42 on the unit's ~~Internet web site~~: **website**.



1 (38) "Will" includes all wills, testaments, and codicils. The term
 2 also includes a testamentary instrument which merely appoints an
 3 executor or revokes or revives another will.

4 (b) The following rules of construction apply throughout this article
 5 unless otherwise apparent from the context:

6 (1) The singular number includes the plural and the plural number
 7 includes the singular.

8 (2) The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter.

9 SECTION 12. IC 29-1-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.190-2016,
 10 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) For the purpose of inheritance (on the
 12 maternal side) to, through, and from a child born out of wedlock, the
 13 child shall be treated as if the child's mother were married to the child's
 14 father at the time of the child's birth, so that the child and the child's
 15 issue shall inherit from the child's mother and from the child's maternal
 16 kindred, both descendants and collaterals, in all degrees, and they may
 17 inherit from the child. The child shall also be treated as if the child's
 18 mother were married to the child's father at the time of the child's birth,
 19 for the purpose of determining homestead rights and the making of
 20 family allowances.

21 **(b) If a child is:**

22 **(1) born after the death of the mother;**

23 **(2) conceived through assisted reproduction; and**

24 **(3) determined to be the child of the deceased mother by an**
 25 **action filed in a court of competent jurisdiction not later than**
 26 **four (4) years after the death of the mother;**

27 **the child shall be treated as if the child were naturally born during**
 28 **the mother's lifetime.**

29 ~~(b)~~ (c) For the purpose of inheritance (on the paternal side) to,
 30 through, and from a child born out of wedlock, the child shall be
 31 treated as if the child's father were married to the child's mother at the
 32 time of the child's birth, if one (1) of the following requirements is met:

33 (1) The paternity of a child who was at least twenty (20) years of
 34 age when the father died has been established by law in a cause
 35 of action that is filed during the father's lifetime.

36 (2) The paternity of a child who was less than twenty (20) years
 37 of age when the father died has been established by law in a cause
 38 of action that is filed:

39 (A) during the father's lifetime; ~~or~~

40 (B) within five (5) months after the father's death **if the child**
 41 **is conceived naturally; or**

42 **(C) within four (4) years after the father's death if the child**



- 1 **is born:**
 2 **(i) through use of assisted reproduction; and**
 3 **(ii) posthumously.**
 4 (3) The paternity of a child born after the father died has been
 5 established by law:
 6 **(A) in a cause of action that is filed within eleven (11) months**
 7 **after the father's death if the child is conceived naturally; or**
 8 **(B) in a cause of action that is filed within four (4) years**
 9 **after the father's death if the child is born:**
 10 **(i) through assisted reproduction; and**
 11 **(ii) posthumously.**
 12 (4) The putative father marries the mother of the child and
 13 acknowledges the child to be his own.
 14 (5) The putative father executed a paternity affidavit in
 15 accordance with IC 31-6-6.1-9(b) (before its repeal).
 16 (6) The putative father executes a paternity affidavit as set forth
 17 in IC 16-37-2-2.1.
 18 (⊖) **(d)** The testimony of the mother may be received in evidence to
 19 establish such paternity and acknowledgment, but no judgment shall be
 20 made upon the evidence of the mother alone. The evidence of the
 21 mother must be supported by corroborative evidence or circumstances.
 22 (⊕) **(e)** If paternity is established as described in this section, the
 23 child shall be treated as if the child's father were married to the child's
 24 mother at the time of the child's birth, so that the child and the child's
 25 issue shall inherit from the child's father and from the child's paternal
 26 kindred, both descendants and collateral, in all degrees, and they may
 27 inherit from the child. The child shall also be treated as if the child's
 28 father were married to the child's mother at the time of the child's birth,
 29 for the purpose of determining homestead rights and the making of
 30 family allowances.
 31 SECTION 13. IC 31-9-2-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.191-2011,
 32 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. "Birth parent", for purposes of IC 31-19-17
 34 through IC 31-19-25.5, means:
 35 (1) the woman who is legally presumed under ~~Indiana law~~
 36 **IC 31-20-1.1-21** to be the mother of biological origin of an
 37 adoptee;
 38 (2) the man who is legally presumed under Indiana law to be the
 39 father of biological origin of an adoptee; or
 40 (3) a man who establishes paternity of a child born out of
 41 wedlock:
 42 (A) in a court proceeding; or



- 1 (B) by executing a paternity affidavit under IC 16-37-2-2.1.
- 2 SECTION 14. IC 31-9-2-63 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 3 2023]. Sec. 63: "Intended biological parent", for purposes of sections
- 4 126 and 127 of this chapter, means a party to a surrogate agreement
- 5 who:
- 6 (1) agrees to be or is genetically related to a child borne by a
- 7 surrogate; and
- 8 (2) is not the surrogate's spouse.
- 9 SECTION 15. IC 31-9-2-126 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 10 1, 2023]. Sec. 126: "Surrogate", for purposes of IC 31-20, means a
- 11 party to a surrogate agreement who agrees to bear or bears a child that
- 12 is genetically related to:
- 13 (1) the party who agrees to bear or bears the child and an intended
- 14 biological parent;
- 15 (2) an intended biological parent and a gamete donor who is not:
- 16 (A) an intended biological parent; and
- 17 (B) the spouse of the party who agrees to bear or bears the
- 18 child; or
- 19 (3) two (2) intended biological parents of the child.
- 20 SECTION 16. IC 31-9-2-127 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 21 1, 2023]. Sec. 127: "Surrogate agreement", for purposes of IC 31-20,
- 22 means an agreement that is entered into before the birth of a child
- 23 between a surrogate and one (1) or more parties and that is intended by
- 24 the parties at the time that the agreement is made to induce the
- 25 surrogate to relinquish care, custody, and control over the child at birth
- 26 to any of the following:
- 27 (1) An intended biological parent of the child.
- 28 (2) An intended biological parent of the child and another person
- 29 who is not:
- 30 (A) genetically related to the child; and
- 31 (B) the surrogate's spouse.
- 32 (3) Two (2) intended biological parents of the child.
- 33 SECTION 17. IC 31-14-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. A man is presumed
- 35 to be a child's biological father if:
- 36 (1) the:
- 37 (A) man and the child's biological mother are or have been
- 38 married to each other; and
- 39 (B) child is born during the marriage or not later than three
- 40 hundred (300) days after the marriage is terminated by death,
- 41 annulment, or dissolution;
- 42 (2) the:



- 1 (A) man and the child's biological mother attempted to marry
- 2 each other by a marriage solemnized in apparent compliance
- 3 with the law, even though the marriage:
- 4 (i) is void under IC 31-11-8-2, IC 31-11-8-3, IC 31-11-8-4,
- 5 or IC 31-11-8-6; or
- 6 (ii) is voidable under IC 31-11-9; and
- 7 (B) child is born during the attempted marriage or not later
- 8 than three hundred (300) days after the attempted marriage is
- 9 terminated by death, annulment, or dissolution; ~~or~~
- 10 (3) the man undergoes a genetic test that indicates with at least a
- 11 ninety-nine percent (99%) probability that the man is the child's
- 12 biological father; ~~or~~
- 13 **(4) a court of competent jurisdiction has determined for**
- 14 **purposes of inheritance that the man is the father of the child,**
- 15 **through a proceeding for paternity filed within four (4) years**
- 16 **after the father's death, through means of assisted**
- 17 **reproduction.**

18 SECTION 18. IC 31-20-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
19 2023]. (Surrogate Agreements).

20 SECTION 19. IC 31-20-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
21 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2023]:

23 **Chapter 1.1. Indiana Gestational Surrogacy Act**

24 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to gestational surrogacy**
25 **agreements entered into after June 30, 2023.**

26 **Sec. 2. This chapter may be cited as the gestational surrogacy**
27 **act.**

28 **Sec. 3. The purpose of this chapter is to establish consistent**
29 **standards and procedural safeguards for the protection of all**
30 **parties that agree to use Indiana as the jurisdiction for**
31 **enforcement of the gestational surrogacy agreement and to**
32 **confirm the legal status of children born as a result of these**
33 **agreements. These standards and safeguards are meant to facilitate**
34 **the use of this type of reproductive agreement in accordance with**
35 **the public policy of Indiana.**

36 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "compensation" means payment**
37 **of any valuable consideration for services in excess of reasonable**
38 **medical and ancillary costs.**

39 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "embryo" means a fertilized egg**
40 **at less than fourteen (14) days of development.**

41 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "embryo transfer" means all**
42 **medical and laboratory procedures that are necessary to effectuate**



1 the transfer of a embryo into a gestational surrogate's uterine
2 cavity.

3 Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "gamete" means a human:

4 (1) sperm; or

5 (2) egg.

6 Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "gamete donor" means an
7 individual who contributes a gamete or gametes for the purpose of
8 in vitro fertilization, or implantation in another individual.

9 Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "gestational surrogacy" means
10 the process by which a woman attempts to carry and give birth to
11 a child for an intended parent:

12 (1) that is created through in vitro fertilization; and

13 (2) to which the woman has made no genetic contribution.

14 Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "gestational surrogacy
15 agreement" means a written agreement entered into under this
16 chapter regarding a gestational surrogacy.

17 Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "gestational surrogate" means
18 a woman who agrees to engage in a gestational surrogacy.

19 Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "health care provider" means
20 a person who is licensed to provide health care (as defined in
21 IC 16-36-1-1), including a medical, psychological, or counseling
22 professional.

23 Sec. 13. As used in this chapter, "intended parent" means an
24 individual who enters into a gestational surrogacy agreement
25 under which the individual intends to be the legal parent of the
26 resulting child.

27 Sec. 14. As used in this chapter, "in vitro fertilization" means all
28 medical and laboratory procedures that are necessary to effectuate
29 the extracorporeal fertilization of egg and sperm.

30 Sec. 15. As used in this chapter, "legal counsel" means an
31 Indiana licensed attorney who complies with the Indiana rules of
32 professional conduct.

33 Sec. 16. As used in this chapter, "medical evaluation" means:

34 (1) a consultation of; and

35 (2) an evaluation by;

36 a reproductive endocrinologist or another qualified individual
37 working under the authority, order, or supervision of a
38 reproductive endocrinologist.

39 Sec. 17. As used in this chapter, "mental health evaluation"
40 means:

41 (1) a consultation with; and

42 (2) an evaluation by;



1 a mental health professional who has knowledge of the mental
2 health aspects of gestational surrogacy.

3 Sec. 18. As used in this chapter, "parent-child relationship"
4 means the legal relationship between a child and a parent of the
5 child.

6 Sec. 19. As used in this chapter, "physician" means a person
7 licensed under IC 25-22.5.

8 Sec. 20. As used in this chapter, "reproductive endocrinologist"
9 means a physician who:

- 10 (1) has completed an accredited fellowship in reproductive
11 endocrinology and infertility; or
12 (2) is board eligible for certification in reproductive
13 endocrinology and infertility.

14 Sec. 21. (a) Except as provided in this chapter:

- 15 (1) the woman who gives birth to a child is presumed to be the
16 legal parent of the child for purposes of Indiana law; and
17 (2) if the woman is married, her spouse is presumed to be the
18 joint legal parent of the child.

19 (b) Immediately upon the birth of a child resulting from a
20 gestational surrogacy that meets the requirements of this chapter:

- 21 (1) the intended parent is the legal parent of the child for
22 purposes of Indiana law;
23 (2) the child is considered the legitimate child of the intended
24 parent for purposes of Indiana law;
25 (3) parental rights vest in the intended parent;
26 (4) sole custody of the child rests with the intended parent;
27 and
28 (5) neither the gestational surrogate nor her spouse, if any,
29 are the parent of the child for purposes of Indiana law.

30 (c) If, due to a laboratory error, a gestational surrogacy that
31 meets the requirements of this chapter results in the birth of a child
32 who is not genetically related to the intended parent, the intended
33 parent is the parent of the child for purposes of Indiana law unless
34 a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise.

35 (d) The parties to a gestational surrogacy agreement shall
36 assume the rights and obligations of subsections (b) and (c) if:

- 37 (1) the gestational surrogate meets the requirements of section
38 22(a) of this chapter;
39 (2) the intended parent meets the requirements of section
40 22(b) of this chapter; and
41 (3) the gestational surrogacy meets the requirements of
42 section 23 of this chapter.



1 (e) If a child is born as a result of a gestational surrogacy that
 2 does not meet the requirements of this chapter, section 38 of this
 3 chapter shall determine parentage until a court of competent
 4 jurisdiction determines parentage of the child based on evidence of
 5 the parties' intent.

6 Sec. 22. (a) At the time a gestational surrogacy agreement is
 7 executed, the gestational surrogate must:

- 8 (1) be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 9 (2) have given birth to at least one (1) child;
 10 (3) have completed a medical evaluation by a reproductive
 11 endocrinologist or a qualified individual supervised by a
 12 reproductive endocrinologist;
 13 (4) have completed a mental health evaluation that shall be
 14 valid for eighteen (18) months, which may be conducted by a
 15 mental health professional through federal Health Insurance
 16 Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant video
 17 conferencing or in person;
 18 (5) have:
 19 (A) retained legal counsel that is separate and independent
 20 from legal counsel representing the intended parent; and
 21 (B) been advised by the gestational surrogate's retained
 22 legal counsel regarding the terms of the gestational
 23 surrogacy agreement and the potential legal consequences
 24 of the gestational surrogacy; and
 25 (6) have or agree to obtain a health insurance policy that:
 26 (A) covers major medical treatments and hospitalization;
 27 and
 28 (B) has a term that extends through the duration of the
 29 expected pregnancy and for eight (8) weeks after the birth
 30 of the child.

31 The policy of insurance required under subdivision (6) may be
 32 procured by the intended parent on behalf of the gestational
 33 surrogate under the gestational surrogacy agreement, and an
 34 insurer that covers maternity care shall not deny, limit, or seek
 35 reimbursement for maternity care because the gestational
 36 surrogate is acting as a gestational surrogate. The pregnancy shall
 37 be considered a life change event that would qualify a woman to
 38 enroll in a new policy.

39 (b) At the time a gestational surrogacy agreement is executed,
 40 the intended parent must:

- 41 (1) be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 42 (2) have completed a mental health evaluation that may be



1 conducted by a mental health professional through federal
 2 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
 3 compliant video conferencing or in person; and

4 (3) have:

5 (A) retained legal counsel that is separate and independent
 6 from legal counsel representing the gestational surrogate;
 7 and

8 (B) been advised by the intended parent's retained legal
 9 counsel regarding the terms of the gestational surrogacy
 10 agreement and the potential legal consequences of the
 11 gestational surrogacy.

12 **Sec. 23. A gestational surrogacy must meet the following**
 13 **requirements:**

14 (1) The gestational surrogacy agreement must meet the
 15 requirements of section 24 of this chapter.

16 (2) The gestational surrogate and the intended parent must be
 17 represented by separate and independent legal counsel in all
 18 matters concerning the gestational surrogacy and the
 19 gestational surrogacy agreement.

20 (3) The:

21 (A) gestational surrogate must sign a written
 22 acknowledgment that the gestational surrogate received;
 23 and

24 (B) intended parent must sign a written acknowledgment
 25 that the intended parent received;

26 information about the legal, financial, and contractual rights,
 27 expectations, penalties, and obligations of the gestational
 28 surrogacy agreement.

29 (4) If the gestational surrogacy agreement provides for the
 30 payment of compensation to the gestational surrogate, the
 31 compensation must be:

32 (A) placed in escrow with an independent escrow agent
 33 that is not held by the legal counsel for any party to the
 34 gestational surrogacy agreement; and

35 (B) placed in escrow under clause (A) before the
 36 gestational surrogate's commencement of any medical
 37 procedure in furtherance of the gestational surrogacy
 38 (other than medical or mental health evaluations necessary
 39 to determine whether the gestational surrogate meets the
 40 requirements of section 22(a) of this chapter).

41 **Sec. 24. (a) A gestational surrogacy agreement must:**

42 (1) be in writing;



- 1 (2) be executed before the commencement of any medical
 2 procedures in furtherance of the gestational surrogacy (other
 3 than medical or mental health evaluations or consultations
 4 necessary to determine whether the parties meet the
 5 requirements of section 22 of this chapter);
- 6 (3) be executed by:
- 7 (A) a gestational surrogate who meets the requirements of
 8 section 22(a) of this chapter;
- 9 (B) the gestational surrogate's spouse, if the gestational
 10 surrogate is married;
- 11 (C) an intended parent who meets the eligibility
 12 requirements of section 22(b) of this chapter; and
- 13 (D) the intended parent's spouse, if the intended parent is
 14 married;
- 15 (4) be notarized; and
- 16 (5) include the following provisions:
- 17 (A) The express written agreement of the gestational
 18 surrogate to:
- 19 (i) undergo embryo transfer and attempt to carry and
 20 give birth to the child; and
- 21 (ii) surrender custody of the child to the intended parent
 22 immediately upon the birth of the child.
- 23 (B) If the gestational surrogate is married, the express
 24 agreement of her spouse to:
- 25 (i) undertake the obligations imposed on the gestational
 26 surrogate under the terms of the gestational surrogacy
 27 agreement; and
- 28 (ii) surrender custody of the child to the intended parent
 29 immediately upon the birth of the child.
- 30 (C) The right of the gestational surrogate to use the
 31 services of an obstetrician physician or qualified medical
 32 provider of her choosing, after consultation with the
 33 intended parents, to provide her care during the
 34 pregnancy. The obstetrician physician or medical provider
 35 chosen by the gestational surrogate shall be authorized to
 36 discuss the well-being of any child, during the pregnancy,
 37 with any intended parent.
- 38 (D) The express written agreement of the intended parent
 39 to:
- 40 (i) accept custody of the child; and
- 41 (ii) assume sole responsibility for the support of the
 42 child;



- 1 immediately upon the child's birth, regardless of the
 2 number, gender, or mental or physical condition of the
 3 child or children.
- 4 (b) A gestational surrogacy agreement may include one (1) or
 5 more of the following provisions:
- 6 (1) The gestational surrogate's agreement to undergo all
 7 medical exams, treatments, and fetal monitoring procedures
 8 recommended by a physician or qualified medical provider
 9 for the success of the pregnancy.
- 10 (2) The gestational surrogate's agreement to abstain from any
 11 activities that the intended parent or a physician or qualified
 12 medical provider reasonably believes to be harmful to the
 13 pregnancy and future health of the child, including:
- 14 (A) smoking;
 15 (B) drinking alcohol;
 16 (C) using nonprescribed drugs not authorized by a
 17 physician or qualified medical provider who is aware of
 18 the gestational surrogate's pregnancy;
 19 (D) using prescription drugs not authorized by a physician
 20 or qualified medical provider who is aware of the
 21 gestational surrogate's pregnancy;
 22 (E) exposure to radiation; or
 23 (F) any other activities proscribed by a health care
 24 provider.
- 25 (3) The agreement of the intended parent to pay the
 26 gestational surrogate reasonable compensation.
- 27 (4) The agreement of the intended parent to pay for or
 28 reimburse the gestational surrogate for reasonable expenses
 29 (including medical, legal, or other professional expenses)
 30 related to the gestational surrogacy and the gestational
 31 surrogacy agreement.
- 32 **Sec. 25. (a)** Subject to subsection (b), a gestational surrogacy
 33 agreement may not limit the right of the gestational surrogate to
 34 make any decision concerning the gestational surrogate's right to
 35 terminate or continue a pregnancy. Any term or condition in a
 36 gestational surrogacy agreement that contradicts or seeks to
 37 abrogate this section is void.
- 38 (b) The intended parent may seek reimbursement of any
 39 expenses incurred during the gestational surrogacy as a result of
 40 the gestational surrogate terminating a fetus against the wishes of
 41 the intended parent unless the life of the gestational surrogate was
 42 at risk.



1 **Sec. 26. (a) The marriage of a gestational surrogate after the**
 2 **execution of a gestational surrogacy agreement does not affect the**
 3 **validity of the gestational surrogacy agreement, and consent from**
 4 **the gestational surrogate's spouse is not required in order for the**
 5 **terms of the gestational surrogacy agreement to be completed or**
 6 **performed.**

7 **(b) A person who becomes the spouse of a gestational surrogate**
 8 **after the execution of the gestational surrogacy agreement is not a**
 9 **presumed parent of the resulting child.**

10 **Sec. 27. If a gestational surrogate is a party to divorce**
 11 **proceedings or becomes divorced before the intended parent can**
 12 **establish parentage, the spouse of the gestational surrogate shall**
 13 **not be the presumed parent of a resulting child and shall not be**
 14 **required to sign, or otherwise authenticate, any establishment of**
 15 **parentage documentation required by a court.**

16 **Sec. 28. (a) An individual who is considered to be the parent of**
 17 **a child under section 21 of this chapter is obligated to support the**
 18 **child.**

19 **(b) The breach of a gestational surrogacy agreement by the**
 20 **intended parent does not relieve the intended parent of the support**
 21 **obligations imposed by this chapter.**

22 **(c) A gamete donor is liable for child support only if the gamete**
 23 **donor fails to comply with IC 31-20-1.2.**

24 **Sec. 29. For purposes of this chapter, a parent-child relationship**
 25 **is considered established prior to the birth of a child through**
 26 **gestational surrogacy if, in addition to the gestational surrogacy**
 27 **satisfying the requirements of this chapter, the following conditions**
 28 **are met:**

29 **(1) The legal counsel representing a party to the gestational**
 30 **surrogacy agreement certifies that the parties to the**
 31 **gestational surrogacy agreement intend to satisfy the**
 32 **requirements of this chapter with respect to the child.**

33 **(2) A copy of the gestational surrogacy agreement is**
 34 **submitted to an appropriate court with jurisdiction under**
 35 **section 36 of this chapter.**

36 **The conditions described under this section must be met before the**
 37 **issuance of a prebirth court order by a court with competent**
 38 **jurisdiction.**

39 **Sec. 30. Except as provided in this chapter, an individual is not**
 40 **civilly or criminally liable for nonnegligent actions taken under this**
 41 **chapter.**

42 **Sec. 31. (a) Noncompliance by a party to a gestational surrogacy**



1 agreement occurs when the party materially breaches a provision
2 of the gestational surrogacy agreement.

3 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, in the event of
4 a party's noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter, a
5 court of competent jurisdiction shall determine the respective
6 rights and obligations of the parties.

7 (c) There is no specific performance remedy for a breach by the
8 gestational surrogate of a gestational surrogacy agreement term
9 that requires the gestational surrogate to:

- 10 (1) be impregnated;
11 (2) terminate a pregnancy; or
12 (3) carry a pregnancy to term.

13 (d) Except as expressly provided in the gestational surrogacy
14 agreement, the intended parent is entitled to all remedies available
15 at law or equity.

16 (e) Except as expressly provided in the gestational surrogacy
17 agreement, the gestational surrogate is entitled to all remedies
18 available at law or equity.

19 **Sec. 32. All reproductive endocrinologists and mental health**
20 **professionals engaging in gestational surrogacy matters shall**
21 **remain informed of the recommended guidelines published by the**
22 **American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the American**
23 **College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.**

24 **Sec. 33. If any provision of this chapter or its application to any**
25 **person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity of that**
26 **provision or application does not affect other provisions or**
27 **applications of this chapter that can be given effect without the**
28 **invalid provision or application.**

29 **Sec. 34. An action to:**

- 30 (1) invalidate a gestational surrogacy agreement that meets
31 the requirements of this chapter; or
32 (2) challenge rights of parentage established under this
33 chapter;

34 may not be commenced later than twelve (12) months after the date
35 of birth of a child who is born as a result of the gestational
36 surrogacy.

37 **Sec. 35. Unless the court orders otherwise, a petition and any**
38 **other document related to a gestational surrogacy under this**
39 **chapter that is filed with a court is confidential under Indiana**
40 **Administrative Rule 9. Filed documents are not open to inspection**
41 **by any person other than:**

- 42 (1) the parties to the proceeding;



1 (2) the parties' legal counsel; and
 2 (3) the vital statistics division of the Indiana department of
 3 health for the purpose of receiving the court order and issuing
 4 a birth certificate;
 5 except as necessary under exigent circumstances.

6 **Sec. 36. (a) Any establishment of parentage proceeding or**
 7 **gestational surrogacy agreement enforcement proceeding may be**
 8 **brought in an Indiana county:**

9 (1) in which the child resides or will reside;

10 (2) in which the gestational surrogate resides;

11 (3) in which the intended parent resides;

12 (4) in which a:

13 (A) medical evaluation or procedure; or

14 (B) mental health evaluation or consultation;

15 under the gestational surrogacy agreement occurred; or

16 (5) to which all parties agree in the gestational surrogacy
 17 agreement, if a significant event furthering the gestational
 18 surrogacy:

19 (A) has occurred; or

20 (B) will occur;

21 in Indiana;

22 not later than twelve (12) months after the birth of a child who is
 23 born as a result of the gestational surrogacy.

24 (b) An Indiana court conducting a proceeding under this
 25 chapter has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction over all matters
 26 arising out of the gestational surrogacy. Nothing in this chapter
 27 shall be construed to give a court jurisdiction over a child custody
 28 or child support action if jurisdiction over the issues of child
 29 custody or child support is not otherwise authorized.

30 **Sec. 37. An Indiana court order concerning the establishment of**
 31 **parentage shall be given full faith and credit in another state if the**
 32 **establishment of parentage court order constitutes a signed record**
 33 **and otherwise complies with the laws of the other state.**

34 **Sec. 38. (a) In the event that a child is born prior to the issuance**
 35 **of a court order establishing legal parentage for an intended**
 36 **parent, a legal statement letter that:**

37 (1) complies with subsection (b); and

38 (2) is reviewed and signed by the:

39 (A) gestational surrogate's; and

40 (B) intended parent's;

41 respective legal counsels;

42 shall be sufficient for a hospital to allow the intended parent to



1 care for the child as though a valid court order establishing
 2 parentage for the intended parent existed at the time of the child's
 3 birth.

4 (b) A legal statement letter described in subsection (a) must
 5 explicitly state and certify that the parties are in substantial
 6 compliance with this chapter and that the parties are actively
 7 engaging in the steps necessary to obtain a court order to establish
 8 the intended parent's parentage.

9 SECTION 20. IC 31-20-1.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 10 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2023]:

12 **Chapter 1.2. Indiana Gamete Donation Act**

13 **Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies only to gamete donation**
 14 **agreements entered into after June 30, 2023.**

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, this chapter
 16 does not apply to the birth of a child:

17 (1) conceived by means of sexual intercourse or home
 18 insemination; or

19 (2) born as a result of a gestational surrogacy that meets the
 20 requirements of IC 31-20-1.1.

21 **Sec. 2. This chapter may be cited as the gamete donation act.**

22 **Sec. 3. The purpose of this chapter is to establish consistent**
 23 **standards and procedural safeguards for the protection of all**
 24 **parties involved in a gamete donation agreement in Indiana and to**
 25 **confirm the legal status of children born as a result of these**
 26 **agreements. These standards and safeguards are meant to facilitate**
 27 **the use of this type of reproductive agreement in accordance with**
 28 **the public policy of Indiana.**

29 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "assisted reproduction" means**
 30 **treatments and procedures that:**

31 (1) are performed by a physician; and

32 (2) are intended to achieve pregnancy.

33 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "compensation" means payment**
 34 **of any valuable consideration for services in excess of reasonable**
 35 **medical and ancillary costs.**

36 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "fertility clinic" means a medical**
 37 **clinic that:**

38 (1) employs a licensed physician who is qualified to perform
 39 assisted reproduction; and

40 (2) complies with guidelines for gamete donation issued by the
 41 federal Food and Drug Administration.

42 **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "gamete" means either a sperm**



- 1 or an egg.
- 2 **Sec. 8.** As used in this chapter, "gamete donor" means an
3 individual who contributes a gamete or gametes for the purpose of
4 in vitro fertilization, insemination, or implantation in another
5 individual.
- 6 **Sec. 9.** As used in this chapter, "intended parent" means an
7 individual who enters into an agreement under this chapter under
8 which the individual intends to be the legal parent of the resulting
9 child.
- 10 **Sec. 10.** As used in this chapter, "in vitro fertilization" means all
11 medical and laboratory procedures that are necessary to effectuate
12 the extracorporeal fertilization of egg and sperm.
- 13 **Sec. 11.** As used in this chapter, "legal counsel" means a licensed
14 attorney who complies with the Indiana rules of professional
15 conduct.
- 16 **Sec. 12.** As used in this chapter, "medical evaluation" means:
17 (1) a consultation of; and
18 (2) an evaluation by;
19 a physician or another qualified individual working under the
20 authority, order, or supervision of the physician.
- 21 **Sec. 13.** As used in this chapter, "mental health evaluation"
22 means:
23 (1) a consultation of; and
24 (2) an evaluation by;
25 a mental health professional.
- 26 **Sec. 14.** As used in this chapter, "physician" means a person
27 licensed under IC 25-22.5.
- 28 **Sec. 15.** As used in this chapter, "sexually intimate partner"
29 means, with regard to an individual, another individual with whom
30 the individual engages in sexual activity.
- 31 **Sec. 16.** Except as provided in this chapter:
32 (1) a gamete donor is not a parent of a child conceived by
33 means of assisted reproduction;
34 (2) an intended parent is not considered a gamete donor if:
35 (A) the intended parent contributes the intended parent's
36 genetic material to a physician to be used by the other
37 intended parent; and
38 (B) the intended parent is:
39 (i) married to; or
40 (ii) a sexually intimate partner of;
41 the other intended parent; and
42 (3) the legal parentage rights and responsibilities of the



1 intended parent shall be presumed if the intended parent
 2 consents to the assisted reproduction.

3 **Sec. 17. (a) A gamete donor must:**

- 4 (1) be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 5 (2) have completed a medical evaluation by a reproductive
 6 endocrinologist or another qualified individual working under
 7 the authority, order, or supervision of the reproductive
 8 endocrinologist;
 9 (3) have completed a mental health evaluation that may be
 10 conducted through federal Health Insurance Portability and
 11 Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant video conferencing or
 12 in person; and
 13 (4) have:

- 14 (A) retained legal counsel that is separate and independent
 15 from legal counsel representing the intended parent; and
 16 (B) been advised by the gamete donor's retained legal
 17 counsel regarding the terms of the gamete donation
 18 agreement and the potential legal consequences of the
 19 gamete donation.

20 **(b) An intended parent must:**

- 21 (1) have completed a mental health evaluation that may be
 22 conducted through federal Health Insurance Portability and
 23 Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant video conferencing or
 24 in person; and
 25 (2) have:
 26 (A) retained legal counsel that is separate and independent
 27 from legal counsel representing the gamete donor; and
 28 (B) been advised by the intended parent's retained legal
 29 counsel regarding the terms of the gamete donation
 30 agreement and the potential legal consequences of the
 31 gamete donation.

32 **Sec. 18. (a) A gamete donation agreement must be:**

- 33 (1) in writing;
 34 (2) executed before the gamete donation;
 35 (3) executed by:
 36 (A) a gamete donor who meets the requirements of section
 37 17(a) of this chapter;
 38 (B) the gamete donor's spouse, if the gamete donor is
 39 married;
 40 (C) an intended parent who meets the eligibility
 41 requirements of section 17(b) of this chapter; and
 42 (D) the intended parent's spouse, if the intended parent is



- 1 **married; and**
 2 **(4) notarized.**
 3 **(b) An anonymous gamete donation agreement must be executed**
 4 **as follows:**
 5 **(1) Each party and witness shall sign:**
 6 **(A) one (1) signature page with his or her full legal name;**
 7 **and**
 8 **(B) one (1) signature page with a generic title that does not**
 9 **disclose his or her identity.**
 10 **(2) Executed copies of the agreement must be distributed as**
 11 **follows:**
 12 **(A) A fully executed copy of the agreement with a**
 13 **signature page described in subdivision (1)(B) must be**
 14 **distributed to each of the parties.**
 15 **(B) Each legal counsel or fertility clinic shall retain a copy**
 16 **of the agreement with a signature page described in**
 17 **subdivision (1)(A).**
 18 **Sec. 19. (a) If:**
 19 **(1) a gamete donor and an intended parent have entered into**
 20 **a written legal agreement under which the gamete donor**
 21 **relinquishes all rights and responsibilities to any child**
 22 **resulting from the gamete donation; and**
 23 **(2) the gamete donor meets the requirements of section 17(a)**
 24 **of this chapter and the intended parent meets the**
 25 **requirements of section 17(b) of this chapter;**
 26 **the intended parent is the legal parent of a child whose birth results**
 27 **from the gamete donation.**
 28 **(b) If a child is born as the result of a gamete donation and a**
 29 **court of competent jurisdiction finds that:**
 30 **(1) the requirements of subsection (a) were not met; and**
 31 **(2) section 20 of this chapter is inapplicable;**
 32 **the court shall determine parentage of the child based on evidence**
 33 **of the parties' intent at the time of the gamete donation.**
 34 **Sec. 20. (a) If a gamete donor:**
 35 **(1) makes an anonymous gamete donation to a facility that is:**
 36 **(A) registered with; and**
 37 **(B) compliant with guidelines and regulations issued by;**
 38 **the federal Food and Drug Administration;**
 39 **(2) does not have an intended parent designated by himself or**
 40 **herself or the fertility clinic or facility, as applicable, at the**
 41 **time of the gamete donation; and**
 42 **(3) relinquishes his or her parental rights in a written**



- 1 statement provided at the time of the gamete donation to the
 2 fertility clinic or facility to which the individual donates his or
 3 her gametes;
- 4 no direct agreement between the intended parent and the
 5 anonymous gamete donor is necessary (unless the gamete donor
 6 and intended parent desire an agreement regarding future contact
 7 and confidentiality), the intended parent is the legal parent of any
 8 child resulting from the anonymous gamete donation, and the
 9 anonymous gamete donor's relinquishment is legally enforceable.
- 10 (b) If a child is born as the result of an anonymous gamete
 11 donation and a court of competent jurisdiction finds that the
 12 requirements of subsection (a) were not met, the court shall
 13 determine parentage of the child based on evidence of the parties'
 14 intent at the time of the gamete donation.
- 15 **Sec. 21. (a)** When there is a designated intended parent already
 16 chosen to receive the donor's gametes, a gamete donor may
 17 withdraw consent to the use of his or her gametes if the withdrawal
 18 of consent:
- 19 (1) is made in a writing or legal pleading with notice to the
 20 other parties to the gamete donation agreement; and
 21 (2) prior to:
- 22 (A) the retrieval of any gametes; or
 23 (B) in the case of embryo donation or previously
 24 cryopreserved gametes, the transfer of legal ownership to
 25 the intended parent through an executed legal agreement.
- 26 (b) When there is a designated gamete donor already chosen by
 27 the intended parent, the intended parent may withdraw the
 28 intended parent's acceptance of legal ownership of any gametes
 29 retrieved from that gamete donor if the withdrawal of acceptance
 30 of legal ownership:
- 31 (1) is made in writing or legal pleading with notice to the
 32 other parties to the gamete donation agreement; and
 33 (2) prior to:
- 34 (A) the retrieval of any gametes; or
 35 (B) in the case of embryo donation or previously
 36 cryopreserved gametes, the acceptance of transfer of legal
 37 ownership through an executed written legal agreement.
- 38 (c) If:
- 39 (1) there is no designated intended parent at the time of a
 40 gamete donation; and
 41 (2) the gamete donor withdraws consent to the use of the
 42 donor's gametes;



1 the gamete donor may be liable to the fertility clinic to which the
 2 gamete donation was made for costs of gamete retrieval, storage
 3 costs of the gametes, and any compensation the gamete donor
 4 received from the fertility clinic for the donation.

5 **Sec. 22. (a) Subject to subsection (b), an individual who:**

6 (1) consents in writing to posthumously be the parent of any
 7 child born of the individual's gametes; and

8 (2) dies before the insemination of the individual's gametes or
 9 embryo transfer;

10 is a parent of any child born of the individual's gametes not later
 11 than forty-eight (48) months after the individual's death.

12 (b) The forty-eight (48) month period described in subsection (a)
 13 may be longer if active litigation concerning the posthumous
 14 reproductive material is ongoing.

15 (c) The rights of a child born to an individual posthumously
 16 under subsection (a) to an inheritance or to property under an
 17 instrument are governed by IC 29.

18 **Sec. 23. (a) Subject to subsection (b), in the event that:**

19 (1) an individual is:

20 (A) deceased;

21 (B) brain dead;

22 (C) comatose; or

23 (D) in a persistent, vegetative state; and

24 (2) the spouse or committed partner of the individual
 25 described in subdivision (1) requests the retrieval of gametes:

26 (A) from the person described in subdivision (1); or

27 (B) within a medically appropriate time postmortem;

28 a qualified physician may retrieve gametes from the individual
 29 described in subdivision (1) if there is no prior written directive
 30 concerning gamete retrieval by the individual described in
 31 subdivision (1).

32 (b) Gametes retrieved from a person described in subsection
 33 (a)(1) may not be used by the spouse or committed partner of the
 34 individual described in subsection (a)(1) to create a child unless
 35 clear and convincing evidence is presented to a court of competent
 36 jurisdiction that the individual described in subsection (a)(1) had
 37 a strong desire to have a child with the spouse or committed
 38 partner and the court issues an order allowing the use of the
 39 gametes.

40 **Sec. 24. The following must be proved by clear and convincing
 41 evidence:**

42 (1) Parentage under section 16 or 19 of this chapter.



1 (2) A withdrawal of consent under section 21 of this chapter.

2 (3) The nonexistence of a parent-child relationship under
3 section 25 of this chapter.

4 **Sec. 25. An action to declare the nonexistence of a parent-child**
5 **relationship under this chapter is barred unless it is brought not**
6 **more than ninety (90) days after the birth of the child.**

7 **Sec. 26. (a) In the event that two (2) legal owners of**
8 **cryopreserved embryos are separating or divorcing and do not**
9 **agree upon the disposition of any cryopreserved embryos, a court**
10 **of competent jurisdiction shall first look to any existing agreement**
11 **expressing the couple's intent regarding the disposition of the**
12 **couple's remaining embryos in the event of divorce or separation.**
13 **In the absence of an agreement or a dispute concerning the validity**
14 **of an agreement, the court shall attempt to balance the parties'**
15 **interests when awarding the embryos.**

16 **(b) A court shall consider the following factors when balancing**
17 **the parties' interests:**

18 (1) The intended use of the embryos by any party wishing to
19 preserve them.

20 (2) A party's reason for wanting to procreate with the
21 cryopreserved embryos.

22 (3) The reason for the cryopreservation of the embryos.

23 (4) Each party's ability to have genetic children through other
24 means.

25 (5) The existence of a party's need to preserve fertility.

26 (6) Any burden or hardship that may be placed on a party
27 wishing to avoid procreation.

28 (7) Any prior verbal discussions that the party wishing to
29 procreate may have relied upon.

30 (8) Any bad faith attempt, by either party, to use the
31 cryopreserved embryos as leverage during a divorce
32 proceeding.

33 (9) Any other consideration or occurrence deemed relevant by
34 the court.

35 **(c) A party opposed to the use of a cryopreserved embryo for**
36 **the purpose of procreation is not considered a legal parent to any**
37 **child created from the use of a cryopreserved embryo unless the**
38 **party agrees, in writing, to be a legal parent to the child.**

39 **Sec. 27. (a) A proceeding under this chapter may be brought in**
40 **an Indiana county:**

41 (1) in which the gamete donor resides;

42 (2) in which the intended parent resides;



1 **(3) in which a:**

2 **(A) medical evaluation or procedure; or**

3 **(B) mental health evaluation or consultation;**

4 **occurred under this chapter; or**

5 **(4) to which all parties agree in the gamete donation**
 6 **agreement, if the gamete donor or intended parent is a**
 7 **resident of Indiana or the donation took place in Indiana.**

8 **(b) An Indiana court conducting a proceeding under this**
 9 **chapter has exclusive, continuing jurisdiction over all matters**
 10 **arising out of a gamete donation agreement during the period:**

11 **(1) beginning with the execution of the gamete donation**
 12 **agreement; and**

13 **(2) ending ninety (90) days after the birth of the child**
 14 **conceived by assisted reproduction under the gamete donation**
 15 **agreement.**

16 SECTION 21. IC 35-46-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2018,
 17 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 18 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) As used in this section, "lethal fetal
 19 anomaly" means a fetal condition diagnosed before birth that, if the
 20 pregnancy results in a live birth, will with reasonable certainty result
 21 in the death of the child not more than three (3) months after the child's
 22 birth.

23 (b) As used in this section, "physician" means an individual who:

24 (1) is licensed to practice medicine in:

25 (A) Indiana under IC 25-22.5; or

26 (B) another state in the United States in which the individual
 27 is providing medical services;

28 (2) is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology; and

29 (3) oversees medical services related to ovum cryopreservation.

30 (c) As used in this section, "qualified egg bank" means:

31 (1) a fertility clinic or similar medical facility that:

32 (A) is located in the United States;

33 (B) is accredited by an entity approved by:

34 (i) the medical licensing board, if the fertility clinic or
 35 facility is located in Indiana; or

36 (ii) the authorizing state agency or licensing board in the
 37 state in which the fertility clinic or facility is located;

38 (C) is registered under 21 CFR 1271 with the United States
 39 Food and Drug Administration; and

40 (D) is owned by, employs, contracts with, or is affiliated with
 41 at least one (1) physician who performs medical services
 42 related to ovum cryopreservation at the fertility clinic or



- 1 facility; or
- 2 (2) an entity whose primary business purpose includes the
- 3 facilitation of in vitro fertilization using cryopreserved ova and
- 4 that is registered under 21 CFR 1271 with the United States Food
- 5 and Drug Administration.
- 6 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), a person who knowingly
- 7 or intentionally purchases or sells a human ovum, zygote, embryo, or
- 8 fetus commits unlawful transfer of a human organism, a Level 5 felony.
- 9 (e) This section does not apply to the following:
- 10 (1) The payment to or receipt by a woman donor of an ovum of an
- 11 amount for:
- 12 (A) earnings lost due to absence from employment;
- 13 (B) travel expenses;
- 14 (C) hospital expenses; **and**
- 15 (D) medical expenses; **and**
- 16 ~~(E) recovery time in an amount not to exceed four thousand~~
- 17 ~~dollars (\$4,000);~~
- 18 concerning a treatment or procedure, including ovum
- 19 cryopreservation, to enhance human reproductive capability
- 20 through in vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer, or
- 21 zygote intrafallopian transfer.
- 22 **(2) The payment of compensation to a donor, if the following**
- 23 **conditions are met:**
- 24 **(A) The payment is not contingent upon the quantity of the**
- 25 **gametes retrieved.**
- 26 **(B) The payment is not contingent upon the purported**
- 27 **quality or genome related traits of the gamete donor.**
- 28 **(C) The payment is not contingent upon actual genotypic**
- 29 **or phenotypic characteristics of the gamete donor or of the**
- 30 **child.**
- 31 **(D) The payment is reasonable as determined by industry**
- 32 **standards and has been negotiated in good faith between**
- 33 **the parties, if applicable.**
- 34 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** The payment to or receipt by a qualified egg bank of an
- 35 amount for:
- 36 (A) the retrieval of a human ovum;
- 37 (B) the cryopreservation of a human ovum;
- 38 (C) the transportation of a human ovum; or
- 39 (D) any other aspect of performing or facilitating services
- 40 related to a treatment or procedure to enhance human
- 41 reproductive capability through in vitro fertilization.
- 42 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** The following types of stem cell research:



- 1 (A) Adult stem cell.
- 2 (B) Fetal stem cell (as defined in IC 16-18-2-128.5), as long as
- 3 the biological parent has given written consent for the use of
- 4 the fetal stem cells.
- 5 ~~(4)~~ (5) The transfer or receipt of a fetus if:
- 6 (A) the fetus was diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly and
- 7 written medical documentation verifies the diagnosis; and
- 8 (B) a biological parent has requested, in writing, the transfer
- 9 of the fetus for purposes of an autopsy.
- 10 (f) Any person who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses a
- 11 human embryo created with an ovum provided to a qualified egg bank
- 12 under this section for purposes of embryonic stem cell research
- 13 commits unlawful use of an embryo, a Level 5 felony.

