

# HOUSE BILL No. 1291

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-34-6-2; IC 35-52-20-10.

**Synopsis:** School policies on reporting child abuse or neglect. Provides that a school corporation, charter school, or accredited nonpublic school may not establish an internal policy or procedure that in any way restricts or delays a duty to report child abuse or neglect. Provides that an individual who knowingly establishes a policy or procedure that restricts or delays a duty to report child abuse or neglect commits a Class B misdemeanor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2017.

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## Summers, Saunders

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January 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session of the 120th General Assembly (2017)

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 2016 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-34-6-2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2017]: **Sec. 2. (a) A school corporation, charter school, or**  
4 **accredited nonpublic school may not establish a policy or**  
5 **procedure that in any way restricts or delays a duty to report child**  
6 **abuse or neglect under IC 31-33-5.**

7 (b) **An individual who knowingly establishes a policy or**  
8 **procedure that restricts or delays a duty to report child abuse or**  
9 **neglect under IC 31-33-5 commits a Class B misdemeanor.**

10 SECTION 2. IC 35-52-20-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
11 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]: **Sec. 10. IC 20-34-6-2 defines a crime**  
13 **concerning the establishment of a policy or procedure that restricts**  
14 **or delays a duty to report child abuse or neglect.**

