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# ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1537

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DIGEST OF HB 1537 (Updated March 22, 2021 11:57 am - DI 133)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.

**Synopsis:** Commission on improving the status of children. Changes the membership of the commission on improving the status of children in Indiana (commission). Provides that the affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure.

**Effective:** July 1, 2021.

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## DeVon, Engleman, McNamara, Summers

(SENATE SPONSORS — DONATO, BREAUX)

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January 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

January 28, 2021, reported — Do Pass.

February 1, 2021, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 2, 2021, read third time, passed. Yeas 93, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 18, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.

March 22, 2021, 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 2020 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 2-5-36-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.161-2018,  
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. The commission consists of ~~eighteen (18)~~  
4 **twenty (20)** members as follows:  
5 (1) One (1) legislative member appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives.  
7 (2) One (1) legislative member appointed by the minority leader  
8 of the house of representatives.  
9 (3) One (1) legislative member appointed by the president pro  
10 tempore of the senate.  
11 (4) One (1) legislative member appointed by the minority leader  
12 of the senate.  
13 (5) The ~~superintendent of public instruction~~. **secretary of**  
14 **education.**  
15 (6) The director of the department of child services.  
16 (7) One (1) judge or justice with experience in juvenile law  
17 appointed by the chief justice of Indiana to serve on the

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- 1 commission for a period of four (4) years.  
 2 (8) The executive director of the prosecuting attorneys council of  
 3 Indiana.  
 4 (9) The executive director of the public defender council of  
 5 Indiana.  
 6 (10) The secretary of family and social services.  
 7 (11) The state health commissioner.  
 8 (12) The director of the department of correction division of youth  
 9 services.  
 10 (13) One (1) representative of the juvenile probation system,  
 11 appointed by the chief justice of Indiana for a period of four (4)  
 12 years.  
 13 (14) The director of the office of management and budget, or the  
 14 director of the state budget agency, as selected by the governor.  
 15 (15) A member of the governor's staff, to be appointed by the  
 16 governor.  
 17 (16) The chief administrative officer of the office of judicial  
 18 administration.  
 19 (17) The director of the division of mental health and addiction.  
 20 (18) The attorney general, who shall serve as a nonvoting  
 21 member.  
 22 **(19) Two (2) members, each of whom:**  
 23 **(A) is at least eighteen (18) but less than thirty (30) years**  
 24 **of age; and**  
 25 **(B) has been a vulnerable youth for a period of at least one**  
 26 **(1) year after the member became ten (10) years of age;**  
 27 **appointed by the chairperson of the commission for a term of**  
 28 **two (2) years.**  
 29 SECTION 2. IC 2-5-36-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2017,  
 30 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 8. The affirmative votes of a majority of the  
 32 **voting** members appointed to the commission are required for the  
 33 commission to take action on any measure, including final reports and  
 34 the appointment of an executive director.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1537, 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 1537 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1537, 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 HB 1537 as printed January 28, 2021.)

GROOMS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

