

## SENATE BILL No. 22

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-35-6-3.5.

**Synopsis:** Final visit after termination of parental rights. Allows a juvenile or probate court or the department of child services (department) to approve a final visit between a person whose parental rights have been terminated and a child. Prohibits the department from approving a final visit if: (1) the person has been convicted of or has been charged with and is awaiting trial for a charge of certain offenses against the child; or (2) the visit would occur more than 10 calendar days after the date the juvenile or probate court terminated the parent-child relationship.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 6, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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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 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical 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 31-35-6-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), if the**  
4 **parent-child relationship between a person and a child has been**  
5 **terminated:**  
6 (1) **the juvenile court or probate court that terminated the**  
7 **parent-child relationship; or**  
8 (2) **the department;**  
9 **may approve a final visit between the person and the child.**  
10 (b) **The department may not approve a final visit under**  
11 **subsection (a) if:**  
12 (1) **the person has been convicted of or has been charged with**  
13 **and is awaiting trial for a charge of:**  
14 (A) **a sex offense listed in IC 31-34-1-3(a)(1) against the**  
15 **child; or**  
16 (B) **any Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5 felony**



- 1                   **if:**
- 2                    (i) **an element of the offense is serious bodily injury; and**
- 3                    (ii) **the child is the victim of the offense; or**
- 4                   **(2) the visit would occur more than ten (10) calendar days**
- 5                   **after the date that the juvenile court or probate court**
- 6                   **terminated the parent-child relationship.**
- 7                   **(c) A final visit approved under this section is not considered**
- 8                   **postadoption contact privileges for purposes of IC 31-19-16.**

