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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 184

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:

SECTION 1. IC 31-27-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2014, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 8. (a) An applicant may not provide supervision and care as a foster family home if more than:

- (1) ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** individuals, each of whom:
 - (A) is less than eighteen (18) years of age; or
 - (B) is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is receiving care and supervision under an order of a juvenile court; or
- (2) four (4) individuals less than six (6) years of age;

including the children or individuals for whom the provider is a relative, guardian, or custodian, receive care and supervision at the facility at the same time.

(b) Not more than four (4) of the ~~five (5)~~ **six (6)** individuals in subsection (a)(1) may be less than six (6) years of age.

(c) The department may grant an exception to this section whenever the department determines that:

- (1) the placement of siblings in the same foster family home is desirable;
- (2) a foster child has an established, meaningful relationship with the foster parents; or
- (3) it is otherwise in the foster child's best interests.

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(d) If a foster family home does not meet the requirements under subsection (a) on July 1, 2011, any foster child placed in the home prior to July 1, 2011, may remain placed. However, a new placement of a child may not be made in violation of this section.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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