SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 233

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 31-27-2-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: **Sec. 12. (a) The department shall, in collaboration with:**

(1) current foster parents;

(2) child placing agencies; and

(3) other individuals and organizations with expertise in foster care services;

develop and update periodically a statement that describes the rights of a foster parent that must be known as the "foster parent bill of rights".

(b) The statement required by subsection (a) must summarize the rights and responsibilities of a foster parent who is providing care and supervision to a child in a foster family home.

(c) The statement required by subsection (a) must be:

(1) distributed to current and prospective foster parents; and

(2) made available on the department's Internet web site.

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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