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SENATE BILL No. 259

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Citations Affected: IC 29-3; IC 31-10; IC 31-17; IC 31-19; IC 31-27.

Synopsis: Parents with disabilities. Specifies that it is the policy of the state to recognize the importance of family and children, including the parenting rights of a parent, regardless of whether the parent has a disability. Provides that the right of a person with a disability to parent the person's child may not be denied or restricted solely because the person has a disability. Defines the term "reasonable accommodation". Establishes procedures to be used in proceedings concerning: (1) custody; (2) parenting time; (3) adoption; (4) foster care; and (5) guardianship; when a parent, prospective parent, prospective foster parent, or prospective guardian is a person with a disability.

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SENATE BILL No. 259

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 29-3-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2017,
2 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 4. **(a)** The court shall appoint as guardian a
4 qualified person or persons most suitable and willing to serve, having
5 due regard to the following:
6 (1) Any request made by a person alleged to be an incapacitated
7 person, including designations in a durable power of attorney
8 under IC 30-5-3-4(a).
9 (2) Any request made for a minor by:
10 (A) a parent of the minor; or
11 (B) a de facto custodian of the minor, including a designation
12 in a power of attorney under IC 30-5-3-4(b) or IC 30-5-3-4(c).
13 (3) Any request contained in a will or other written instrument.
14 (4) A designation of a standby guardian under IC 29-3-3-7.
15 (5) Any request made by a minor who is at least fourteen (14)
16 years of age.
17 (6) Any request made by the spouse of the alleged incapacitated

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- 1 person.
- 2 (7) The relationship of the proposed guardian to the individual for
- 3 whom guardianship is sought.
- 4 (8) Any person acting for the incapacitated person under a
- 5 durable power of attorney.
- 6 (9) The best interest of the incapacitated person or minor and the
- 7 property of the incapacitated person or minor.
- 8 **(b) Section 4.1 of this chapter applies when a prospective**
- 9 **guardian is a person with a disability.**
- 10 SECTION 2. IC 29-3-5-4.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 11 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 12 1, 2021]: **Sec. 4.1. (a) This section applies to a proceeding to appoint**
- 13 **a guardian for a minor or an incapacitated person when a**
- 14 **prospective guardian is a person with a disability.**
- 15 **(b) As used in this section, "disability" has the meaning set forth**
- 16 **in 42 U.S.C. 12102.**
- 17 **(c) As used in this section, "reasonable accommodation" means**
- 18 **a change in the way policies are applied and services are usually**
- 19 **provided that may assist a guardian with a disability in the**
- 20 **effective use of techniques and other alternative methods to enable**
- 21 **the guardian to discharge the responsibilities of the guardianship**
- 22 **as successfully as a guardian who does not have a disability.**
- 23 **(d) A court may not refuse to appoint a person with a disability**
- 24 **as a guardian if the person is otherwise the most qualified and**
- 25 **suitable guardian as described in section 4 of this chapter.**
- 26 **(e) If a person alleges that a prospective guardian's disability**
- 27 **will have a detrimental effect on the minor child or incapacitated**
- 28 **person, the person making the allegation bears the burden of**
- 29 **establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the guardian's**
- 30 **disability endangers or will likely endanger the health, safety, or**
- 31 **welfare of the minor child or incapacitated person.**
- 32 **(f) If a person makes the showing described in subsection (e), the**
- 33 **prospective guardian with a disability may present rebuttal**
- 34 **evidence demonstrating that the implementation of a reasonable**
- 35 **accommodation will alleviate the issues described in subsection (e).**
- 36 **A court may award guardianship to a person with a disability on**
- 37 **the condition that the guardian implement a reasonable**
- 38 **accommodation.**
- 39 **(g) If a court denies the guardianship of a person with a**
- 40 **disability, the court shall make specific written findings:**
- 41 **(1) setting forth the basis for its determination; and**
- 42 **(2) explaining why the reasonable accommodation is**



1 **insufficient to award the guardianship.**

2 SECTION 3. IC 29-3-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.194-2017,
3 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 5. (a) The following are entitled to consideration
5 for appointment as a guardian under section 4 of this chapter in the
6 order listed:

- 7 (1) A person designated in a durable power of attorney.
8 (2) A person designated as a standby guardian under IC 29-3-3-7.
9 (3) The spouse of an incapacitated person.
10 (4) An adult child of an incapacitated person.
11 (5) A parent of an incapacitated person, or a person nominated by
12 will of a deceased parent of an incapacitated person or by any
13 writing signed by a parent of an incapacitated person and attested
14 to by at least two (2) witnesses, or in a power of attorney of a
15 living parent of an incapacitated person under IC 30-5-3-4(c).
16 (6) A parent of a minor, a de facto custodian of a minor, or a
17 person nominated:
18 (A) by will of a deceased parent or a de facto custodian of a
19 minor; or
20 (B) by a power of attorney of a living parent or a de facto
21 custodian of a minor.
22 (7) Any person related to an incapacitated person by blood or
23 marriage with whom the incapacitated person has resided for
24 more than six (6) months before the filing of the petition.
25 (8) A person nominated by the incapacitated person who is caring
26 for or paying for the care of the incapacitated person.

27 (b) With respect to persons having equal priority, the court shall
28 select the person it considers best qualified to serve as guardian. The
29 court, acting in the best interest of the incapacitated person or minor,
30 may pass over a person having priority and appoint a person having a
31 lower priority or no priority under this section. **Section 4.1 of this**
32 **chapter applies to this subsection if a person having equal priority**
33 **is a person with a disability.**

34 SECTION 4. IC 31-10-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. It is the policy of this
36 state and the purpose of this title to:

- 37 (1) recognize the importance of family and children in our society,
38 **including the parenting rights of a parent, regardless of**
39 **whether the parent has a disability;**
40 (2) recognize the responsibility of the state to enhance the
41 viability of children and family in our society;
42 (3) acknowledge the responsibility each person owes to the other;



- 1 (4) strengthen family life by assisting parents to fulfill their
 2 parental obligations;
 3 (5) ensure that children within the juvenile justice system are
 4 treated as persons in need of care, protection, treatment, and
 5 rehabilitation;
 6 (6) remove children from families only when it is in the child's
 7 best interest or in the best interest of public safety;
 8 (7) provide for adoption as a viable permanency plan for children
 9 who are adjudicated children in need of services;
 10 (8) provide a juvenile justice system that protects the public by
 11 enforcing the legal obligations that children have to society and
 12 society has to children;
 13 (9) use diversionary programs when appropriate;
 14 (10) provide a judicial procedure that:
 15 (A) ensures fair hearings;
 16 (B) recognizes and enforces the legal rights of children and
 17 their parents; and
 18 (C) recognizes and enforces the accountability of children and
 19 parents;
 20 (11) promote public safety and individual accountability by the
 21 imposition of appropriate sanctions; and
 22 (12) provide a continuum of services developed in a cooperative
 23 effort by local governments and the state.

24 SECTION 5. IC 31-10-2-3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 25 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2021]: **Sec. 3. (a) The right of a person with a disability to parent
 27 the person's child may not be denied or restricted solely because
 28 the person has a disability.**

29 **(b) The department of child services shall implement
 30 appropriate training programs conducted by a person with a
 31 disability to educate departmental employees in the rights and
 32 capabilities of persons with disabilities.**

33 SECTION 6. IC 31-17-2-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 34 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 35 1, 2021]: **Sec. 8.1. (a) This section applies to a custody proceeding,
 36 including a proceeding to modify custody where one (1) or more
 37 parents have a disability.**

38 **(b) As used in this section, "disability" has the meaning set forth
 39 in 42 U.S.C. 12102.**

40 **(c) As used in this section, "reasonable accommodation" means
 41 a change in the way policies are applied and services are usually
 42 provided that may assist a parent with a disability in the effective**



1 use of techniques and other alternative methods to enable the
 2 parent to discharge parental responsibilities as successfully as a
 3 parent who does not have a disability.

4 (d) A court may not deny or restrict custody because one (1) or
 5 more parents are persons with a disability, if the court finds under
 6 section 8 of this chapter that custody is otherwise in the best
 7 interests of the child.

8 (e) If a person alleges that a parent's disability will have a
 9 detrimental effect on a child, the person making the allegation
 10 bears the burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence
 11 that the parent's disability endangers or will likely endanger the
 12 health, safety, or welfare of the child.

13 (f) If a person makes the showing described in subsection (e), the
 14 parent with a disability may present rebuttal evidence
 15 demonstrating that the implementation of a reasonable
 16 accommodation will alleviate the issues described in subsection (e).
 17 A court may award custody to a parent with a disability on the
 18 condition that the parent implement a reasonable accommodation.

19 (g) If a court denies or restricts the custody of a parent with a
 20 disability, the court shall make specific written findings:

21 (1) setting forth the basis for its determination; and

22 (2) explaining why the reasonable accommodation is
 23 insufficient to grant unrestricted custody.

24 SECTION 7. IC 31-17-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.223-2019,
 25 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to subsections (d) and (e) **and**
 27 **subject to section 1.1 of this chapter**, a parent not granted custody of
 28 the child is entitled to reasonable parenting time rights unless the court
 29 finds, after a hearing, that parenting time by the noncustodial parent
 30 might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the
 31 child's emotional development.

32 (b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the court
 33 in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time by the
 34 noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or
 35 significantly impair the child's emotional development.

36 (c) The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. If
 37 counsel is present:

38 (1) a record may be made of the interview; and

39 (2) the interview may be made part of the record for purposes of
 40 appeal.

41 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a court grants parenting
 42 time rights to a person who has been convicted of:



1 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
 2 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));
 3 there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the child
 4 must be supervised.

5 (e) If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been
 6 convicted of:

7 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
 8 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));
 9 within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the
 10 parenting time with the child must be supervised.

11 SECTION 8. IC 31-17-4-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 12 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 13 1, 2021]: **Sec. 1.1. (a) This section applies to a proceeding to
 14 determine or modify parenting time rights where one (1) or more
 15 parents have a disability.**

16 **(b) As used in this section, "disability" has the meaning set forth
 17 in 42 U.S.C. 12102.**

18 **(c) As used in this section, "reasonable accommodation" means
 19 a change in the way policies are applied and services are usually
 20 provided that may assist a parent with a disability in the effective
 21 use of techniques and other alternative methods to enable the
 22 parent to discharge parental responsibilities as successfully as a
 23 parent who does not have a disability.**

24 **(d) A court may not deny or unreasonably restrict parenting
 25 time because one (1) or more parents are persons with a disability,
 26 if the parent is otherwise entitled to parenting time under section
 27 1 of this chapter.**

28 **(e) If a person alleges that a parent's disability might endanger
 29 the child's physical health or significantly impair the child's
 30 emotional development, the person making the allegation bears the
 31 burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the
 32 parent's disability might endanger the child's physical health or
 33 significantly impair the child's emotional development.**

34 **(f) If a person makes the showing described in subsection (e), the
 35 parent with a disability may present rebuttal evidence
 36 demonstrating that the implementation of a reasonable
 37 accommodation will alleviate the issues described in subsection (e).
 38 A court may award parenting time to a parent with a disability on
 39 the condition that the parent implement a reasonable
 40 accommodation.**

41 **(g) If a court denies or unreasonably restricts the parenting time
 42 of a parent with a disability, the court shall make specific written**



1 **findings:**

- 2 **(1) setting forth the basis for its determination; and**
 3 **(2) explaining why the reasonable accommodation is**
 4 **insufficient to grant parenting time, or to grant parenting**
 5 **time that is not unreasonably restricted.**

6 SECTION 9. IC 31-19-11-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2020,
 7 SECTION 38, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. (a) Whenever the court has heard the evidence
 9 and finds that:

- 10 (1) the adoption requested is in the best interest of the child;
 11 (2) the petitioner or petitioners for adoption are of sufficient
 12 ability to rear the child and furnish suitable support and
 13 education;
 14 (3) the report of the investigation and recommendation under
 15 IC 31-19-8-5 has been filed;
 16 (4) the attorney or agency arranging an adoption has filed with the
 17 court an affidavit prepared by the state department of health under
 18 IC 31-19-5-16 indicating whether a man is entitled to notice of the
 19 adoption because the man has registered with the putative father
 20 registry in accordance with IC 31-19-5;
 21 (5) proper notice arising under subdivision (4), if notice is
 22 necessary, of the adoption has been given;
 23 (6) the attorney or agency has filed with the court an affidavit
 24 prepared by the state department of health under:
 25 (A) IC 31-19-6 indicating whether a record of a paternity
 26 determination; or
 27 (B) IC 16-37-2-2(g) indicating whether a paternity affidavit
 28 executed under IC 16-37-2-2.1;
 29 has been filed in relation to the child;
 30 (7) proper consent, if consent is necessary, to the adoption has
 31 been given;
 32 (8) the petitioner for adoption is not prohibited from adopting the
 33 child as the result of an inappropriate criminal history described
 34 in subsection (c) or (d); and
 35 (9) the person, licensed child placing agency, or local office that
 36 has placed the child for adoption has provided the documents and
 37 other information required under IC 31-19-17 to the prospective
 38 adoptive parents;

39 the court shall grant the petition for adoption and enter an adoption
 40 decree.

41 (b) A court may not grant an adoption unless the state department
 42 of health's affidavit under IC 31-19-5-16 is filed with the court as



1 provided under subsection (a)(4).

2 (c) A juvenile adjudication for an act listed in IC 31-9-2-84.8 that
 3 would be a felony if committed by an adult, a conviction of a
 4 misdemeanor related to the health and safety of a child, or a conviction
 5 of a felony not listed in IC 31-9-2-84.8 by a petitioner for adoption or
 6 household member is a permissible basis for the court to deny the
 7 petition for adoption. In addition, the court may not grant an adoption
 8 if a petitioner for adoption has been convicted of a nonwaivable offense
 9 under IC 31-9-2-84.8. However, the court is not prohibited from
 10 granting an adoption based upon a felony conviction for:

- 11 (1) a felony under IC 9-30-5;
- 12 (2) battery (IC 35-42-2-1);
- 13 (3) criminal recklessness (IC 35-42-2-2) as a felony;
- 14 (4) criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3);
- 15 (5) arson (IC 35-43-1-1);
- 16 (6) nonsupport of a dependent child (IC 35-46-1-5);
- 17 (7) operating a motorboat while intoxicated (IC 35-46-9-6) as a
 18 felony;
- 19 (8) a felony involving a weapon under IC 35-47; or
- 20 (9) a felony relating to controlled substances under IC 35-48-4;

21 if the date of the conviction did not occur within the immediately
 22 preceding five (5) year period.

23 (d) A court may not grant an adoption if the petitioner is a sex or
 24 violent offender (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5) or a sexually violent
 25 predator (as defined in IC 35-38-1-7.5).

26 **(e) Section 1.1 of this chapter applies when one (1) or more
 27 petitioners is a person with a disability.**

28 SECTION 10. IC 31-19-11-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 29 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 30 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 1.1. (a) This section applies to a
 31 petition for adoption when one (1) or more petitioners are persons
 32 with a disability.**

33 **(b) As used in this section, "disability" has the meaning set forth
 34 in 42 U.S.C. 12102.**

35 **(c) As used in this section, "reasonable accommodation" means
 36 a change in the way policies are applied and services are usually
 37 provided that may assist a parent with a disability in the effective
 38 use of techniques and other alternative methods to enable the
 39 parent to discharge parental responsibilities as successfully as a
 40 parent who does not have a disability.**

41 **(d) A court may not deny a petition for adoption because one (1)
 42 or more petitioners are persons with a disability, if the court finds**



1 under section 1 of this chapter that:

- 2 (1) adoption is otherwise in the best interests of the child;
 3 (2) the petitioner or petitioners for adoption have sufficient
 4 ability to rear the child and furnish suitable support and
 5 education;
 6 (3) the other prerequisites described in section 1 of this
 7 chapter have been met; and
 8 (4) the petitioner or petitioners are not otherwise prohibited
 9 from adopting.

10 (e) If a person alleges that a petitioner's disability:

- 11 (1) will have a detrimental effect on a child; or
 12 (2) makes the petitioner or petitioners unable to rear the child
 13 and furnish suitable support and education;

14 the person making the allegation bears the burden of establishing
 15 the allegation by clear and convincing evidence.

16 (f) If a person makes the showing described in subsection (e), the
 17 petitioner or petitioners with a disability may present rebuttal
 18 evidence demonstrating that the implementation of a reasonable
 19 accommodation will alleviate the issues described in subsection (e).
 20 A court shall consider the availability of a reasonable
 21 accommodation in making its determination.

22 (g) If a court denies a petition for adoption by a petitioner or
 23 petitioners with a disability, the court shall make specific written
 24 findings:

- 25 (1) setting forth the basis for its determination; and
 26 (2) explaining why the reasonable accommodation is
 27 insufficient to grant the petition.

28 SECTION 11. IC 31-27-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.128-2012,
 29 SECTION 93, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 1. The department shall perform the following
 31 duties:

- 32 (1) Administer the licensing and monitoring of child caring
 33 institutions, foster family homes, group homes, and child placing
 34 agencies in accordance with this article.
 35 (2) Ensure that a criminal history check of an applicant is
 36 conducted under IC 31-9-2-22.5 before issuing a license.
 37 (3) **Subject to section 1.1 of this chapter**, provide for the
 38 issuance, denial, and revocation of licenses.
 39 (4) Cooperate with governing bodies of child caring institutions,
 40 foster family homes, group homes, and child placing agencies and
 41 their staffs to improve standards of child care.
 42 (5) Prepare at least biannually a directory of licensees, except for



1 foster family homes, with a description of the program capacity
 2 and type of children served that will be distributed to the
 3 legislature, licensees, and other interested parties as a public
 4 document.

5 (6) Deposit all license application fees collected under section 2
 6 of this chapter in the department of child services child care fund
 7 established by IC 31-25-2-16.

8 SECTION 12. IC 31-27-2-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 1.1. (a) This section applies to the**
 11 **issuance of a license to operate a foster family home to an applicant**
 12 **who is a person with a disability.**

13 (b) As used in this section, "disability" has the meaning set forth
 14 in 42 U.S.C. 12102.

15 (c) As used in this section, "reasonable accommodation" means
 16 a change in the way policies are applied and services are usually
 17 provided that may assist a foster parent with a disability in the
 18 effective use of techniques and other alternative methods to enable
 19 the parent to discharge parental responsibilities as successfully as
 20 a foster parent who does not have a disability.

21 (d) The department may not deny an application for a license to
 22 operate a foster family home because the applicant is a person with
 23 a disability, if the applicant is otherwise qualified and entitled to
 24 the license.

25 (e) If a person alleges that an applicant's disability will have a
 26 detrimental effect on the applicant's ability to operate a foster
 27 family home, the person making the allegation bears the burden of
 28 establishing by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant's
 29 disability endangers or will likely endanger the health, safety, or
 30 welfare of a child.

31 (f) If a person makes the showing described in subsection (e), the
 32 applicant with a disability may present rebuttal evidence
 33 demonstrating that the implementation of a reasonable
 34 accommodation will alleviate the issues described in subsection (e).
 35 The department may issue a license to operate a foster family home
 36 to an applicant with a disability on the condition that the applicant
 37 implement a reasonable accommodation.

38 (g) If the department refuses to issue a license to operate a foster
 39 family home to an applicant with a disability, the department shall
 40 make specific written findings:

- 41 (1) setting forth the basis for the denial; and
 42 (2) explaining why the reasonable accommodation is



1 **insufficient to permit issuance of the license.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 259, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 37.

Page 3, line 29, delete ""supportive guardianship services"" and insert ""**reasonable accommodation**"".

Page 3, line 30, after "means" insert "**a change in the way policies are applied and**".

Page 3, line 30, after "services" insert "**are usually provided**".

Page 4, line 3, delete "supportive" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation**".

Page 4, line 4, delete "guardianship services".

Page 4, delete lines 7 through 9 and insert "**a reasonable accommodation.**".

Page 4, line 13, delete "of".

Page 4, line 14, delete "supportive guardianship services".

Page 5, delete lines 6 through 42.

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 32.

Page 7, line 39, delete ""supportive parenting services"" and insert ""**reasonable accommodation**"".

Page 7, line 40, after "means" insert "**a change in the way policies are applied and**".

Page 7, line 40, after "services" insert "**are usually provided**".

Page 8, line 13, delete "supportive parenting" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation**".

Page 8, line 14, delete "services".

Page 8, line 16, delete "supportive parenting services. The court" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation.**".

Page 8, delete lines 17 through 18.

Page 8, line 22, delete "of".

Page 8, line 23, delete "supportive parenting services".

Page 9, line 19, delete ""supportive parenting services"" and insert ""**reasonable accommodation**"".

Page 9, line 20, after "means" insert "**a change in the way policies are applied and**".

Page 9, line 20, after "services" insert "**are usually provided**".

Page 9, line 36, delete "supportive parenting" and insert "**a**



reasonable accommodation".

Page 9, line 37, delete "services".

Page 9, line 39, delete "supportive parenting services." and insert "**a reasonable accommodation.**".

Page 9, delete lines 40 through 41.

Page 10, line 4, delete "of".

Page 10, line 5, delete "supportive parenting services".

Page 11, line 37, delete ""supportive parenting services"" and insert ""**reasonable accommodation**"".

Page 11, line 38, after "means" insert "**a change in the way policies are applied and**".

Page 11, line 38, after "services" insert "**are usually provided**".

Page 12, line 19, delete "supportive" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation**".

Page 12, line 20, delete "parenting services".

Page 12, line 21, delete "supportive parenting" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation**".

Page 12, line 22, delete "services".

Page 12, line 27, delete "of".

Page 12, line 28, delete "supportive parenting services".

Page 13, line 17, delete ""supportive parenting services"" and insert ""**reasonable accommodation**"".

Page 13, line 18, after "means" insert "**a change in the way policies are applied and**".

Page 13, line 18, after "services" insert "**are usually provided**".

Page 13, line 34, delete "supportive parenting" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation**".

Page 13, line 35, delete "services".

Page 13, line 38, delete "supportive parenting services. The department shall" and insert "**a reasonable accommodation.**".

Page 13, delete lines 39 through 40.

Page 14, line 3, delete "of".

Page 14, line 4, delete "supportive parenting services".

Page 14, delete lines 6 through 38.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 259 as introduced.)

GROOMS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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