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SENATE BILL No. 292

DIGEST OF SB 292 (Updated February 6, 2019 11:52 am - DI 128)

Citations Affected: IC 31-9; IC 31-14; IC 31-15; IC 31-17.

Synopsis: Notice and hearings on child relocation. Changes certain procedures governing the relocation of a child in cases in which custody orders are issued following a determination of paternity and in cases heard under statutes governing custody and visitation. Requires parties to share certain contact information unless a court finds that disclosure of the information creates a significant risk of substantial harm to an individual otherwise required to disclose the information or to the child. Requires a relocating individual to serve a notice of intent to move on interested parties under the Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure. (Current law requires a relocating individual to send a copy of the notice to nonrelocating individuals.) Specifies circumstances in which a relocating individual is not required to file a notice of intent to move. Requires a relocating individual and the nonrelocating individual to participate in mediation or another alternative dispute resolution process unless participation in an alternative dispute resolution process is waived by the court upon the motion of the relocating individual or a nonrelocating individual. Specifies information that must be included in the notice of intent to move. Requires a nonrelocating individual served with a notice of intent to move to file a response unless the parties have executed and filed with the court a written agreement resolving all issues related to custody, parenting time, grandparent visitation, and child support resulting from the relocation of the child. Specifies the information that must be included in the response. Allows a response to be filed without objecting to the relocation of a child. Specifies the motions that may be filed with the response in objection to the relocation of a child.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

Head, Taylor G

January 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
February 7, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special 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 31-9-2-83, AS AMENDED BY P.L.207-2013,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 83. "Noncustodial parent", for purposes of
4 ~~IC 31-14-13-10~~, IC 31-14-15, IC 31-16-6-1.5, and IC 31-17-4, means
5 the parent who is not the custodial parent.
6 SECTION 2. IC 31-9-2-84.6, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
7 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 84.6. "Nonrelocating individual", for purposes of
9 IC 31-14-13 and IC 31-17-2.2, means an individual who has, or has
10 filed an action seeking:
11 (1) custody of the child, **whether by court order or by paternity**
12 **affidavit under IC 16-37-2;**
13 (2) parenting time with the child, **whether by court order or by**
14 **paternity affidavit under IC 16-37-2;** or
15 (3) visitation with the child under IC 31-17-5.
16 SECTION 3. IC 31-9-2-84.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
17 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

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1 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 84.7. "Nonrelocating parent", for purposes of
 2 **IC 31-14-13 and IC 31-17-2.2**, means a parent of a child who has or is
 3 seeking:

4 (1) custody of the child, **whether by court order or by paternity**
 5 **affidavit under IC 16-37-2; or**

6 (2) parenting time with the child, **whether by court order or by**
 7 **paternity affidavit under IC 16-37-2;**

8 and does not intend to move the individual's principal residence.

9 SECTION 4. IC 31-9-2-107.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
 10 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 107.5. "Relocating individual", for purposes of
 12 **IC 31-14-13 and IC 31-17-2.2**, means an individual who has or is
 13 seeking:

14 (1) custody of a child, **whether by court order or by paternity**
 15 **affidavit under IC 16-37-2; or**

16 (2) parenting time with a child, **whether by court order or by**
 17 **paternity affidavit under IC 16-37-2;**

18 and intends to move the individual's principal residence. The term does
 19 not include an individual granted visitation rights under IC 31-17-5.

20 SECTION 5. IC 31-9-2-107.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
 21 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 22 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 107.7. "Relocation", for purposes of **IC 31-14-13**
 23 **and IC 31-17-2.2**, means a change in the primary residence of an
 24 individual for a period of at least sixty (60) days.

25 SECTION 6. IC 31-14-13-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
 26 1, 2019]. ~~Sec. 10. If an individual who has been awarded custody of or~~
 27 ~~parenting time with a child under this article (or IC 31-6-6.1-11 before~~
 28 ~~its repeal) intends to move the individual's residence, the individual~~
 29 ~~must:~~

30 (1) file a notice of that intent with the clerk of the court that
 31 issued the custody or parenting time order; and

32 (2) send a copy of the notice to each nonrelocating individual in
 33 accordance with IC 31-17-2.2.

34 SECTION 7. IC 31-14-13-10.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 35 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10.2. **Except as provided in**
 37 **IC 31-17-2.2-4, an individual who has or is seeking:**

38 (1) custody of a child;

39 (2) parenting time with a child; or

40 (3) grandparent's visitation under IC 31-17-5;

41 shall at all times keep all other individuals who have or are seeking
 42 rights with the child (as described in subdivisions (1) through (3))



1 **advised of the individual's home address and all of the individual's**
 2 **telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses. Information**
 3 **required by this section must be provided in writing, including**
 4 **electronically, to each individual entitled to the information.**

5 SECTION 8. IC 31-14-13-10.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 10.5. The following must comply**
 8 **with IC 31-17-2.2:**

9 **(1) A nonrelocating individual.**

10 **(2) A relocating individual.**

11 SECTION 9. IC 31-15-2-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 17. (a) To promote the
 13 amicable settlements of disputes that have arisen or may arise between
 14 the parties to a marriage attendant upon the dissolution of their
 15 marriage, the parties may agree in writing to provisions for:

16 (1) the maintenance of either of the parties;

17 (2) the disposition of any property owned by either or both of the
 18 parties; ~~and~~

19 (3) the custody and support of the children of the parties; **and**

20 **(4) the relocation of the children of the parties.**

21 (b) In an action for dissolution of marriage:

22 (1) the terms of the agreement, if approved by the court, shall be
 23 incorporated and merged into the decree and the parties shall be
 24 ordered to perform the terms; or

25 (2) the court may make provisions for:

26 (A) the disposition of property;

27 (B) child support;

28 (C) maintenance; and

29 (D) custody;

30 as provided in this title.

31 (c) The disposition of property settled by an agreement described in
 32 subsection (a) and incorporated and merged into the decree is not
 33 subject to subsequent modification by the court, except as the
 34 agreement prescribes or the parties subsequently consent.

35 SECTION 10. IC 31-17-2.2-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 36 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 0.5. Except as provided in section**
 38 **4 of this chapter, an individual who has or is seeking:**

39 **(1) custody of a child;**

40 **(2) parenting time with a child; or**

41 **(3) grandparent's visitation under IC 31-17-5;**

42 **shall at all times keep all other individuals who have or are seeking**



1 **rights with the child (as described in subdivisions (1) through (3))**
 2 **advised of the individual's home address and all of the individual's**
 3 **telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses. Information**
 4 **required by this section must be provided in writing, including**
 5 **electronically, to each individual entitled to the information.**

6 SECTION 11. IC 31-17-2.2-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
 7 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (b),** a
 9 relocating individual must file a notice of the intent to move with the
 10 clerk of the court that:

- 11 (1) issued the custody order or parenting time order; or
- 12 (2) if subdivision (1) does not apply, has jurisdiction over the
 13 legal proceedings concerning the custody of or parenting time
 14 with a child.

15 and send a copy of the notice to any nonrelocating individual:

16 **(b) A relocating individual is not required to file a notice of**
 17 **intent to move with the clerk of the court if:**

- 18 **(1) the relocation has been addressed by a prior court order,**
 19 **including a court order relieving the relocating individual of**
 20 **the requirement to file a notice;**
- 21 **(2) the relocation will result in a decrease in the distance**
 22 **between the relocating individual's residence and the**
 23 **nonrelocating individual's residence; or**
- 24 **(3) the relocation will result in an increase of not more than**
 25 **twenty (20) miles in the distance between the relocating**
 26 **individual's residence and the nonrelocating individual's**
 27 **residence.**

28 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** Upon motion of a party, the court shall set the matter for a
 29 hearing to **allow or restrain the relocation of a child and to** review
 30 and modify, if appropriate, a custody order, parenting time order,
 31 grandparent visitation order, or child support order. **The court's**
 32 **authority to modify a custody order, parenting time order,**
 33 **grandparent visitation order, or child support order is not affected**
 34 **by the fact that a relocating individual is exempt from the**
 35 **requirement to file a notice of relocation by subsection (b).** The
 36 court shall take into account the following in determining whether to
 37 modify a custody order, parenting time order, grandparent visitation
 38 order, or child support order:

- 39 (1) The distance involved in the proposed change of residence.
- 40 (2) The hardship and expense involved for the nonrelocating
 41 individual to exercise parenting time or grandparent visitation.
- 42 (3) The feasibility of preserving the relationship between the



1 nonrelocating individual and the child through suitable parenting
 2 time and grandparent visitation arrangements, including
 3 consideration of the financial circumstances of the parties.

4 (4) Whether there is an established pattern of conduct by the
 5 relocating individual, including actions by the relocating
 6 individual to either promote or thwart a nonrelocating individual's
 7 contact with the child.

8 (5) The reasons provided by the:

9 (A) relocating individual for seeking relocation; and

10 (B) nonrelocating parent for opposing the relocation of the
 11 child.

12 (6) Other factors affecting the best interest of the child.

13 **(d) The relocating individual and the nonrelocating individual**
 14 **shall participate in mediation or another alternative dispute**
 15 **resolution process before a hearing under this section unless**
 16 **participation in an alternative dispute resolution process is waived**
 17 **by the court upon the motion of the relocating individual or a**
 18 **nonrelocating individual.**

19 **(e) If a relocation occurs, all existing orders for custody,**
 20 **parenting time, grandparent visitation, and child support remain**
 21 **in effect until modified by the court.**

22 ~~(e)~~ **(f) The court may award reasonable attorney's fees for a motion**
 23 **filed under this section in accordance with IC 31-15-10 and**
 24 **IC 34-52-1-1(b).**

25 SECTION 12. IC 31-17-2.2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2007,
 26 SECTION 194, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 3. ~~(a)~~ Except as provided in section
 28 4 of this chapter, an individual required to file a notice under
 29 ~~IC 31-14-13-10~~ or section 1 of this chapter must:

30 ~~(1)~~ **(1) send the notice to each nonrelocating individual:**

31 **(A) by registered or certified mail; and**

32 **(B) not later than ninety ~~(90)~~ days before the date that the**
 33 **relocating individual intends to move; and**

34 **(1) file and serve the notice on each nonrelocating individual**
 35 **who is a party to the action in accordance with the Indiana**
 36 **Rules of Trial Procedure not later than thirty (30) days before**
 37 **the date of the intended relocation or not more than fourteen**
 38 **(14) days after the relocating individual becomes aware of the**
 39 **relocation, whichever is sooner;**

40 **(2) send the notice to any nonrelocating individual who is not**
 41 **a party to the action by registered or certified mail not later**
 42 **than thirty (30) days before the date of the intended relocation**



1 **or not more than fourteen (14) days after the relocating**
 2 **individual becomes aware of the relocation, whichever is**
 3 **sooner; and**

4 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** provide the following information in the notice:

5 (A) The intended new residence, including the:

6 (i) address; and

7 (ii) mailing address of the relocating individual, if the
 8 mailing address is different than the address under item (i).

9 ~~(B)~~ **The home telephone number of the new residence.**

10 ~~(C)~~ **Any other applicable telephone number (B) All telephone**
 11 **numbers** for the relocating individual.

12 ~~(D)~~ **(C)** The date that the relocating individual intends to
 13 move.

14 ~~(E)~~ **(D)** A brief statement of the specific reasons for the
 15 proposed relocation of the child.

16 ~~(F)~~ **A proposal for a revised schedule of parenting time or**
 17 **grandparent visitation with the child.**

18 **(E) A statement that the relocating individual either does**
 19 **or does not believe that a revision of parenting time or**
 20 **grandparent visitation is necessary.**

21 ~~(G)~~ **(F)** A statement that a **nonrelocating** parent must file **an**
 22 **objection to a response regarding** the relocation of the child
 23 with the court not later than ~~sixty (60)~~ **twenty (20)** days after
 24 receipt service of the notice.

25 ~~(H)~~ **(G)** **The following statements:**

26 **(i) A statement that a party may file a petition requesting**
 27 **an order to prevent the temporary or permanent**
 28 **relocation of a child.**

29 **(ii)** A statement that a nonrelocating individual may file a
 30 petition to modify a custody order, parenting time order,
 31 grandparent visitation order, or child support order.

32 **(H) A statement that all existing orders for custody,**
 33 **parenting time, grandparent visitation, and child support**
 34 **remain in effect until modified by the court.**

35 (b) Except as provided in section 4 of this chapter, if the relocating
 36 individual is unable to provide the information required under
 37 subsection (a)(2) not later than ninety (90) days before the relocating
 38 individual intends to move, the relocating individual shall provide the
 39 information in the manner required under subsection (a) not later than
 40 ten (10) days after the date that the relocating individual obtains the
 41 information required to be provided under subsection (a)(2). However,
 42 the relocating individual must provide all the information required



1 under subsection (a)(2) not later than thirty (30) days before the
 2 relocating individual intends to move to the new residence:

3 SECTION 13. IC 31-17-2.2-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
 4 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 5 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 4. If a court finds that disclosure of the
 6 information required under ~~IC 31-14-13-10.2~~ or section ~~0.5~~ or 3 of this
 7 chapter creates a significant risk of substantial harm to the ~~relocating~~
 8 individual **required to provide the disclosure** or to the child, the court
 9 may order:

10 (1) that the address, the telephone number, or other identifying
 11 information of the ~~relocating~~ individual or child not be **shared**
 12 **with other individuals** or disclosed in the pleadings, other
 13 documents filed in the proceeding, or the final order;

14 (2) that the information required under section 3 of this chapter be
 15 maintained by the clerk of the court in a secure location separate
 16 from the pending case file;

17 (3) that the notice requirements under ~~IC 31-14-13-10~~ or this
 18 chapter be waived to the extent necessary to protect the ~~relocating~~
 19 individual or child from significant risk of substantial harm; or

20 (4) other remedial action that the court considers necessary to
 21 facilitate the legitimate needs of the parties and the best interest
 22 of the child.

23 SECTION 14. IC 31-17-2.2-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
 24 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 25 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 5. (a) ~~Not later than sixty (60) days after receipt~~
 26 ~~of the notice from the relocating individual under IC 31-14-13-10~~ or
 27 ~~this chapter, a nonrelocating parent may file a motion seeking a~~
 28 ~~temporary or permanent order to prevent the relocation of a child.~~
 29 **Except as provided in subsection (b), a nonrelocating parent shall**
 30 **file a response not more than twenty (20) days after the day the**
 31 **nonrelocating parent is served notice from the relocating**
 32 **individual under section 1 of this chapter. The nonrelocating**
 33 **parent's response must include one (1) of the following:**

34 (1) **A statement that the nonrelocating parent does not:**

35 (A) **object to the relocation of the child; and**

36 (B) **request the modification of any custody, parenting**
 37 **time, grandparent visitation, or child support order.**

38 (2) **The following:**

39 (A) **A statement that the nonrelocating parent does not**
 40 **object to the relocation of the child.**

41 (B) **A motion requesting the modification of a custody,**
 42 **parenting time, grandparent visitation, or child support**



- 1 **order as a result of the relocation.**
 2 **(C) A request for a hearing on the motion filed under**
 3 **clause (B).**
 4 **(3) The following:**
 5 **(A) A statement that the nonrelocating parent objects to**
 6 **the relocation of the child.**
 7 **(B) A motion requesting:**
 8 **(i) a temporary or permanent order to prevent the**
 9 **relocation of the child; and**
 10 **(ii) the modification of a custody, parenting time,**
 11 **grandparent visitation, or child support order as a result**
 12 **of the relocation.**
 13 **(C) A request for a hearing on the motion filed under**
 14 **clause (B).**
 15 **(b) A nonrelocating parent is not required to file a response**
 16 **under subsection (a) if the parties have executed and filed with the**
 17 **court a written agreement resolving all issues related to custody,**
 18 **parenting time, grandparent visitation, and child support resulting**
 19 **from the relocation of the child. The agreement must include a**
 20 **child support worksheet to be signed by the parties and attached**
 21 **to the agreement, if the agreement results in a modification of**
 22 **support.**
 23 **(c) A motion filed under subsection (a)(2) or (a)(3) must state**
 24 **whether the relocating individual and the nonrelocating parent**
 25 **have participated in mediation or another alternate dispute**
 26 **resolution process regarding the relocation of the child.**
 27 ~~(b)~~ **(d) On the request of either party, the court shall hold a full**
 28 **evidentiary hearing to grant or deny a allow or restrain the relocation**
 29 **motion under subsection (a): of the child and to review and modify,**
 30 **if appropriate, a custody order, parenting time order, grandparent**
 31 **visitation order, or child support order.**
 32 ~~(c)~~ **(e) The relocating individual has the burden of proof that the**
 33 **proposed relocation is made in good faith and for a legitimate reason.**
 34 ~~(d)~~ **(f) If the relocating individual meets the burden of proof under**
 35 **subsection (e); (e), the burden shifts to the nonrelocating parent to**
 36 **show that the proposed relocation is not in the best interest of the child.**
 37 ~~(e)~~ **(g) If the nonrelocating parent fails to file a motion response**
 38 **under subsection (a), the relocating individual who has custody of the**
 39 **child may relocate to the new residence.**
 40 SECTION 15. IC 31-17-2.2-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2006,
 41 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 6. (a) If a nonrelocating parent files a motion



1 under ~~section 5~~ **section 5(a)(3)** of this chapter, the court, after notice
 2 and an opportunity to be heard or after compliance with Trial Rule
 3 65(B), may grant a temporary order restraining the relocation of a child
 4 or order the child to be returned to the nonrelocating parent if the court
 5 finds:

6 (1) that the notice required under ~~IC 31-14-13-10~~ **or section 1 of**
 7 this chapter was not served in a timely manner and the parties
 8 have not presented an agreement ~~concerning a parenting time~~
 9 ~~schedule; regarding the relocation of the child;~~

10 (2) that the child has been relocated without:

11 (A) the appropriate notice;

12 (B) an agreement between the parties; or

13 (C) a court order; or

14 (3) from an examination of the evidence presented at the
 15 temporary hearing, that there is a likelihood that, after a final
 16 hearing, the court will not approve the relocation of the child.

17 (b) The court may grant a temporary order permitting the relocation
 18 of the child pending a final hearing if the court:

19 (1) determines that the notice required under ~~IC 31-14-13-10~~ **or**
 20 **section 1 of** this chapter was provided in a timely manner;

21 (2) issues ~~an order for a revised schedule~~ **orders that may be**
 22 **necessary** for temporary **custody**, parenting time, **support, and**
 23 **grandparent visitation** with the child; and

24 (3) reviews the evidence presented at the temporary hearing and
 25 determines that there is a likelihood that, after the final hearing,
 26 the court will approve the relocation of the child.

27 (c) If the court issues a temporary order authorizing the ~~relocating~~
 28 ~~individual to move;~~ **relocation of the child** in its final judgment, the
 29 court must consider factors:

30 (1) other than; or

31 (2) in addition to;

32 the temporary relocation of the child when issuing a final order.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 292, 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 3, line 1, delete "and work addresses," and insert "**address and all of the individual's**".

Page 3, line 2, delete "numbers," and insert "**numbers**".

Page 4, line 2, delete "and work addresses," and insert "**address and all of the individual's**".

Page 4, line 3, delete "numbers," and insert "**numbers**".

Page 8, line 19, after "child." insert "**The agreement must include a child support worksheet to be signed by the parties and attached to the agreement, if the agreement results in a modification of support.**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 292 as introduced.)

HEAD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2.

