



February 28, 2020

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## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 345

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DIGEST OF SB 345 (Updated February 27, 2020 9:07 am - DI 136)

**Citations Affected:** IC 2-5.

**Synopsis:** Interim study committee on child services. Establishes the interim study committee on child services (committee). Provides that the committee shall: (1) study and review the progress and improvements made by the department of child services; (2) review best practices concerning child welfare, child mental health, and delinquent children; (3) receive and review status reports from the department of child services ombudsman; (4) review and study the department of child services child abuse and neglect hotline; (5) review and study ways to improve the long term viability of providers to provide coverage to children and families across the entire state; (6) review federal legislation and its impact on the state and ways to improve the delivery of services as it relates to meeting federal requirements; and (7) make legislative recommendations.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 13, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.

January 28, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 30, 2020, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

February 3, 2020, read third time, passed. Yeas 47, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 11, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

February 27, 2020, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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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~~.

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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 2-5-1.3-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.231-2019,  
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. The following interim study committees are  
4 established:  
5 (1) Agriculture and Natural Resources.  
6 (2) Commerce and Economic Development.  
7 (3) Corrections and Criminal Code.  
8 (4) Courts and the Judiciary.  
9 (5) Education.  
10 (6) Elections.  
11 (7) Employment and Labor.  
12 (8) Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications.  
13 (9) Environmental Affairs.  
14 (10) Financial Institutions and Insurance.  
15 (11) Government.  
16 (12) Public Safety and Military Affairs.  
17 (13) Pension Management Oversight.

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1 (14) Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services.

2 (15) Public Policy.

3 (16) Roads and Transportation.

4 (17) Fiscal Policy.

5 **(18) Child services.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 2-5-1.3-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.2-2018,  
7 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. (a) A study committee shall study the  
9 issues assigned by the legislative council that are within the subject  
10 matter for the study committee, as described in section 4 of this  
11 chapter.

12 (b) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
13 interim study committee on roads and transportation shall advise the  
14 bureau of motor vehicles regarding the suitability of a special group (as  
15 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to receive a special group recognition license  
16 plate for the special group (as defined in IC 9-13-2-170) for the first  
17 time under IC 9-18.5-12-4 and the suitability of a special group (as  
18 defined in IC 9-13-2-170) to continue participating in the special group  
19 recognition license plate program under IC 9-18.5-12-5.

20 (c) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the  
21 interim study committee on corrections and criminal code shall review  
22 current trends with respect to criminal behavior, sentencing,  
23 incarceration, and treatment and may:

24 (1) identify particular needs of the criminal justice system that can  
25 be addressed by legislation; and

26 (2) prepare legislation to address the particular needs found by the  
27 committee.

28 **(d) In addition to the issues assigned under subsection (a), the**  
29 **interim study committee on child services shall do the following:**

30 **(1) Review and study the progress and improvements made by**  
31 **the department of child services since its creation.**

32 **(2) Review best practices concerning child welfare, child**  
33 **mental health, and delinquent children.**

34 **(3) Receive and review status reports from the department of**  
35 **child services ombudsman.**

36 **(4) Review and study the department of child services child**  
37 **abuse and neglect hotline, including the process used to refer**  
38 **a report to a local office.**

39 **(5) Review and study ways to improve the long term viability**  
40 **of providers to provide coverage to children and families**  
41 **across the entire state.**

42 **(6) Review federal legislation and its impact on the state and**



1           **ways to improve the delivery of services as it relates to**  
2           **meeting federal requirements.**  
3           **(7) Make legislative recommendations concerning the**  
4           **department of child services.**  
5           **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 345, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 345 as introduced.)

GROOMS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 345, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 345 as printed January 29, 2020.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

