

SENATE BILL No. 434

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-25-2-7.5.

Synopsis: Child sexual abuse prevention. Requires the department of child services to administer services and programs for the: (1) prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation; and (2) treatment and assistance for victims of child sexual abuse and the families of victims of child sexual abuse.

Effective: July 1, 2017.

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January 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.



First Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2017)

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~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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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 31-25-2-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2017]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) The department is responsible for providing**
4 **and administering services and programs for:**
5 **(1) prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation; and**
6 **(2) treatment and assistance for victims of child sexual abuse**
7 **and the families of victims of child sexual abuse.**
8 **(b) The services and programs required under subsection (a)**
9 **must include:**
10 **(1) development of educational materials on child sexual**
11 **abuse and exploitation that are made available to the public**
12 **in training seminars and on the department's Internet web**
13 **site that includes:**
14 **(A) statistics and information about the prevalence of child**
15 **sexual abuse and exploitation;**
16 **(B) information to increase the understanding and**
17 **recognition of warning signs that a child may be a victim**



1 **of child sexual abuse or exploitation;**
2 **(C) information on reporting duties and intervention**
3 **approaches if a child is believed to be a victim of child**
4 **sexual abuse or exploitation; and**
5 **(D) resources available for victims of child sexual abuse**
6 **and the families of victims of child sexual abuse;**
7 **(2) counseling and assistance targeted to the needs of victims**
8 **of child sexual abuse and families of victims of child sexual**
9 **abuse, which may include cooperation with state and local**
10 **agencies and organizations that provide counseling and**
11 **assistance focused on victims of child sexual abuse and the**
12 **families of victims; and**
13 **(3) training for local office employees on treatments and**
14 **services targeted to the needs of victims of child sexual abuse**
15 **and exploitation.**

