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## SENATE BILL No. 596

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DIGEST OF SB 596 (Updated February 18, 2019 12:30 pm - DI 133)

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-32.

**Synopsis:** Juvenile court voluntary preventative programs. Provides that the Indiana supreme court may establish a two-year pilot program to assist juvenile court judges in five Indiana counties in providing voluntary preventative programs for at-risk children. Requires nonjudicial state agencies to assist the Indiana supreme court in the implementation of the pilot program. Requires the supreme court office of judicial administration to report to the legislative council specified information regarding the pilot program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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### Spartz, Merritt

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January 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.  
February 18, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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.

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 31-32-3-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 12. (a) The following definitions apply**  
4 **throughout this section:**  
5 (1) **"Pilot county" means a county selected under subsection**  
6 **(d).**  
7 (2) **"Voluntary preventative program" refers to a voluntary**  
8 **preventative program under section 11 of this chapter.**  
9 (b) **The supreme court may establish a pilot program to assist**  
10 **juvenile court judges in five (5) Indiana counties in establishing**  
11 **voluntary preventative programs under section 11 of this chapter**  
12 **for:**  
13 (1) **at-risk children who are not:**  
14 (A) **the subject of proceedings over which a juvenile court**  
15 **has jurisdiction; or**  
16 (B) **participating in a diversionary program or a program**  
17 **of informal adjustment; and**

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- 1           (2) families of children described in subdivision (1).  
 2           (c) A pilot program established under subsection (a) may  
 3 provide assistance that includes:  
 4           (1) providing grants to the juvenile court in a pilot county for  
 5 use in establishing and maintaining a voluntary preventative  
 6 program;  
 7           (2) gathering data and consulting with:  
 8               (A) schools;  
 9               (B) government; and  
 10              (C) business and community leaders;  
 11 in a pilot county to determine the needs of children in the  
 12 county;  
 13           (3) assisting in developing and coordinating programs and  
 14 services offered under the voluntary preventative program;  
 15 and  
 16           (4) engaging in continuing outreach to schools in a pilot  
 17 county to:  
 18               (A) inform schools of the availability of services provided  
 19 under the voluntary preventative program; and  
 20               (B) encourage schools to consider referral of at-risk  
 21 students to the voluntary preventative program as an  
 22 adjunct or alternative to disciplinary action by the school.  
 23           (d) The five (5) counties selected for participation in a pilot  
 24 program established under subsection (a) should include:  
 25               (1) at least one (1) predominantly urban county; and  
 26               (2) at least one (1) predominantly rural county;  
 27 selected in collaboration with the department, the office of the  
 28 secretary of family and social services, the department of  
 29 education, and the governor's workforce cabinet established under  
 30 IC 4-3-27.  
 31           (e) Nonjudicial state, county, and local governmental bodies,  
 32 including:  
 33               (1) the department;  
 34               (2) the department of education;  
 35               (3) the office of the secretary of family and social services;  
 36 shall assist the supreme court as needed to implement a pilot  
 37 program established under subsection (a).  
 38           (f) If the Indiana supreme court establishes a pilot program  
 39 under this section, the office of judicial administration shall issue  
 40 a report to the legislative council:  
 41               (1) for delivery not later than December 1 of the calendar  
 42 year following the calendar year in which a pilot program is



- 1 established under subsection (a);  
2 **(2) prepared in collaboration with:**  
3 **(A) the department;**  
4 **(B) the office of the secretary of family and social services;**  
5 **and**  
6 **(C) the department of education; and**  
7 **(3) providing information regarding the pilot program, which**  
8 **may include the following:**  
9 **(A) An enterprise level assessment of:**  
10 **(i) wraparound services provided to at-risk children and**  
11 **families of at-risk children in the pilot counties; and**  
12 **(ii) identified gaps in the services described in item (i).**  
13 **(B) A recommended framework and roadmap for:**  
14 **(i) improving coordination of; and**  
15 **(ii) a systematic, integrated approach in delivering;**  
16 **the services described in clause (A), including the**  
17 **feasibility of further implementation or expansion of the**  
18 **services.**  
19 **(C) Suggested metrics for measuring the success of the**  
20 **pilot program that are aligned with strategic goals,**  
21 **including specific accountability mechanisms.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 596, 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 596 as introduced.)

GROOMS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

