
*Legislative Session Update - - Priority Bills
(as of March 5, 2010)*

[HB 1193 Juvenile, education, and law enforcement matters](#)

- Creates the law enforcement, school policing, and youth work group to be staffed and administered by the criminal justice institute.
- Requires each school corporation to annually submit a report to the department of education concerning: (1) student arrests; (2) the use of school corporation police departments and security guards; and (3) whether the school corporation has an agreement with a law enforcement agency concerning arresting students on school corporation property.
- Requires the Department of Education to post the reports on its web site and deliver the report to specific government agencies and working groups.

Most Recent Action: This House concurred with changes made in the Senate 91-1. made in the Senate.

[SB 0140 Adoption matters](#)

- Provides that a man who is barred from establishing paternity under the adoption statutes is prohibited from establishing paternity by filing a paternity action as next friend of the child or requesting a prosecuting attorney to file a paternity action.
- Prohibits a person who has a written consent to the adoption of a child from executing a second or subsequent written consent to the adoption of the child by another person, unless certain conditions apply.
- Removes provision that allows a father who receives a notice of adoption after the birth of the child to contest the adoption by filing a paternity action.
- Removes provision under which the consent of a putative father to the adoption of a child is implied if the putative father, after receiving a notice of adoption fails to file a paternity action.
- Provides that a putative father's motion to contest an adoption must be filed in the court in which the adoption is pending.
- Prohibits a court from granting an adoption if a petitioner for adoption has been convicted of an attempt to commit certain felonies.
- Authorizes a child placing agency and an attorney to advertise certain adoption information only if licensed under Indiana law.
- Provides that the crime of unauthorized adoption facilitation does not apply to child placing agencies licensed under Indiana law or attorneys licensed to practice law in Indiana.

Most Recent Action: This bill's conference committee report was adopted by the House and the Senate.

[SB 0149 Department of child services](#)

- Removes the Department of Child Services (DCS) as an entity that must be forwarded all petitions for adoption.
- Removes language regarding a child protection team being required to provide diagnostic and prognostic services for DCS or a juvenile court.
- Specifies how a child's death or near fatality may be determined to have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.
- Adds additional information required in a petition for the appointment of a guardian for an incapacitated person or minor and requires DCS be notified in situations where the child currently is or has been a CHINS. It also allows the court to provide certain requirements to be fulfilled by the parents to regain custody at a later date.
- Provides that DCS may petition a court if a parent, guardian, or custodian refuses to allow a child to be interviewed.

- Prohibits the state police department from charging a fee for: (1) fingerprinting expenses related to criminal history checks conducted by the department; and (2) certain limited criminal history background checks conducted by the department. Requires juvenile courts or the department to pay the Federal Bureau of Investigation for costs of certain fingerprinting.
- Provides that if a juvenile court issues an order: (1) establishing or modifying a guardianship; (2) modifying child custody or visitation; or (3) creating or modifying the establishment of paternity; the court in which the original action was filed, or an appropriate court, shall assume primary jurisdiction and shall conduct additional proceedings.
- Adds child caring institutions, group homes, private secure facilities and child placing agencies to the list of entities that may submit a report of suspected child abuse or neglect and then later receive a report from DCS regarding the investigation of the report.
- Removes a provision that states the department is responsible for payment of any costs or expenses for housing or services provided to or for the benefit of a child placed by a juvenile court in a home or facility located outside Indiana only if the director of the department or the director's designee recommends or approves the placement.

Most Recent Action: This bill was heard in conference committee 3/2/10.

[SB 0316 Dating violence](#)

- Requires the Department of Education, in collaboration with specified organizations, to develop or identify model dating violence educational materials and a model for dating violence response policies and reporting.
- Requires the Department of Education to make the model dating violence educational materials and model for dating violence response policies developed or identified available to assist schools with the implementation of dating violence education programs and dating violence response policies in grades 6-12 by July 1, 2011.

Most Recent Action: This bill's conference committee report was adopted by the house and the Senate.

[SB 0389 Information on individual development accounts](#)

- Requires a caseworker of a foster child to provide information to the child concerning individual development accounts.

Most Recent Action: This bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.