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## HOUSE BILL No. 1036

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### DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In-person contact. Requires the department of child services to have in-person contact with an alleged victim of child abuse or neglect: (1) before concluding an assessment; and (2) before dismissing or terminating a pending child in need of services case with the juvenile court.

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 31-25-2-11.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11.1. ~~<(a) Before>~~ [The  
4 department shall have direct in-person contact with an alleged  
5 victim of child abuse or neglect not more than thirty (30) days  
6 before] the department ~~<closes an investigation involving a child~~  
7 ~~who the department has reason to believe is a child in need of~~  
8 ~~services, the department shall conduct an in-person assessment~~  
9 ~~with the child not more than five (5) business days before closing~~  
10 ~~the investigation.~~  
11 ~~—(b) Before the department recommends discharging a child~~  
12 ~~who is the subject of an open>[:~~  
13 (1) concludes an assessment under IC 31-33; or  
14 (2) dismisses or terminates a] child in need of services case  
15 pending before a juvenile court ~~<, the department shall~~  
16 ~~conduct an in-person assessment with the child not more~~  
17 ~~than five (5) business days before recommending discharge~~  
18 ~~of the child>.~~

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