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HOUSE BILL No. 1036

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM103601

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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