

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6297
BILL NUMBER: HB 1046

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 29, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Family Recovery Court Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goss-Reaves
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Family Recovery Court Fund (fund). It provides that the fund consists of money appropriated by the General Assembly from the State Unrestricted Opioid Settlement account as well as donations, gifts, and money received from other sources. It provides that money in the fund is continuously appropriated for the purpose of funding family recovery courts and safe baby courts.

It also provides that family recovery courts: (1) target cases of abuse or neglect wherein a parent or primary caregiver suffers from a substance use disorder or co-occurring disorders; and (2) are certified as problem solving courts by the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA).

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill establishes the Family Recovery Court Fund, which is to be administered by the OJA. Expenses associated with administering the fund are to be paid from the fund. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund. The fund will consist of money appropriated by the General Assembly, donations, gifts, and money received from other sources. It is established to support family recovery courts and safe baby courts.

The bill will increase workload for the OJA to implement the Family Recovery Court Fund. However, these requirements are within the agency's administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Additional Information - The OJA reports that there are 23 certified family recovery courts in Indiana as of December 2024.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund:* The bill also provides that money from the unrestricted opioid settlement account may be used to fund family recovery courts and safe baby courts. Under current law, approximately 15% of the state unrestricted opioid settlement account is available for use by the General Assembly to administer programs related to treatment, education, recovery, prevention, substance and opioid use disorders, and mental health. This bill could reduce the account balance

to the extent it is used to support problem-solving courts.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana General Assembly; Office of Judicial Administration.

Local Agencies Affected: Local problem solving courts.

Information Sources: IC 4-6-15; Vital Strategies, Guide for Community Advocates on the Opioid Settlements, Indiana's Opioid Settlements, <https://www.opioidsettlementguides.com/indiana>; Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, Annual Report (2025), https://iga.in.gov/publications/agency_report/2025-Annual-Report---Opioid-Settlement-Report.pdf.

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