

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1092

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BILL AMENDED: Jan 22, 2026

SUBJECT: Child Services Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. DeVon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Sports Wagering Withholdings* - This bill requires a sports wagering operator to withhold winnings from a person who requests a withdrawal from the person's mobile sports wagering account if the person is delinquent in the person's child support payments. It requires an order establishing paternity to be obtained without further proceedings if certain conditions are met. It also allows the state to approve additional payment facilities for purposes of accepting child support payments.

Adoption Proceedings - The bill makes changes to the adoption code to facilitate communication between a probate court and a juvenile court when the subject of an adoption petition is also the subject of a pending child in need of services (CHINS) petition. The bill also provides that if a child who is the subject of an adoption petition is also the subject of a CHINS petition: (1) the clerk of the court in the adoption proceeding shall forward a copy of the adoption petition to the Department of Child Services (DCS) if the child is in the care and custody of the Department; and (2) the DCS shall provide notice of the adoption proceeding to the court in the CHINS proceeding.

The bill provides that the DCS has the right to intervene as a party to an adoption proceeding under certain circumstances. It requires a probate court in an adoption proceeding to take certain actions if allegations in the petition for adoption or evidence produced at the adoption proceeding indicates that the child for whom the adoption decree is requested meets the definition of a child adjudicated or alleged to be a CHINS.

Criminal Background Checks - The bill requires a volunteer of an applicant for licensure as a child caring institution to undergo a criminal background check if the volunteer is likely to have unsupervised contact with children in the child caring institution or will have access to a child's information.

Department of Child Services - The bill provides that the DCS may deny an application for licensure as a child caring institution, group home, or child placing agency if the applicant was previously licensed as a residential child care provider and the license was revoked within one year of the application. It also provides that a DCS caseworker who wishes to interview a child at the child's school must provide the caseworker's Department issued credential in order to interview the child alone.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could increase DCS workload to intervene in adoption proceedings. Increases in workload are expected to be accomplished within existing resource and funding levels.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Summary* - Requiring sports wagering operators to withhold delinquent child support from wagering account withdrawals could increase child support collections in the state, and potentially federal IV-D performance incentive payments. Any increase in federal incentive funds from additional child support collections is expected to be minimal as the awards are made on a competitive basis.

Additional Information - The federal IV-D program consists of a static amount of performance-based grants awarded to states (on a competitive basis) depending on performance regarding specified metrics. These metrics include: (1) paternity-establishment performance level, (2) support order enforcement performance level, (3) current payment performance level, (4) arrearage performance level, and (5) cost-effectiveness performance level. The first three metrics have more weight than the last two metrics when calculating the IV-D funding a state receives. For FFY 2023, Indiana received \$11.2 in IV-D incentive payment funding, which was an increase from FFY 2022 of approximately \$160,000.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill could result in a minor workload increase for courts to facilitate communication between a probate court and juvenile court.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected: Courts.

Information Sources: Office of Child Support Services Federal IV-D Performance Report, FFY 2023.

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