

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6542
BILL NUMBER: HB 1092

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SUBJECT: Child Services Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. DeVon
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BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *Sports Wagering Withholdings* - This bill requires a sports wagering certificate holder and vendor to withhold funds from a person who requests a certain type of 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 also provides that if a child who is the subject of an adoption petition is also the subject of an open or pending child in need of services (CHINS) or delinquency proceeding, the adoption petition must identify: (1) the court in which the CHINS or delinquency proceeding is open or pending and the cause number; and (2) the case number of the CHINS or delinquency proceeding; if known to the petitioner.

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 medical records.

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or child placing agency if the applicant was previously licensed as a residential child care provider and the license was revoked within one year of the application.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:

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 transmit certain information to the DCS.

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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