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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-13-2-14.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2016,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14.7. A person employed, appointed, or under
4 contract with a state agency, who works with or around children, shall
5 be dismissed (after the appropriate pre-deprivation procedure has
6 occurred) if that person is, or has ever been, convicted of any of the
7 following:

8 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1), if the victim is less than eighteen (18)
9 years of age.
10 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal),
11 if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
12 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
13 (4) Child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~);
14 **(IC 35-42-4-4).**
15 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).

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9 SECTION 2. IC 10-13-3-27, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
10 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 27. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), on
12 request, a law enforcement agency shall release a limited criminal
13 history to or allow inspection of a limited criminal history by
14 noncriminal justice organizations or individuals only if the subject of
15 the request:

- (1) has applied for employment with a noncriminal justice organization or individual;
- (2) has:
 - (A) applied for a license or is maintaining a license; and
 - (B) provided criminal history data as required by law to be provided in connection with the license;
- (3) is a candidate for public office or a public official;
- (4) is in the process of being apprehended by a law enforcement agency;
- (5) is placed under arrest for the alleged commission of a crime;
- (6) has charged that the subject's rights have been abused repeatedly by criminal justice agencies;
- (7) is the subject of a judicial decision or determination with respect to the setting of bond, plea bargaining, sentencing, or probation;
- (8) has volunteered services that involve contact with, care of, or supervision over a child who is being placed, matched, or monitored by a social services agency or a nonprofit corporation;
- (9) is currently residing in a location designated by the department of child services (established by IC 31-25-1-1) or by a juvenile court as the out-of-home placement for a child at the time the child will reside in the location;
- (10) has volunteered services at a public school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-15) or nonpublic school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-12) that involve contact with, care of, or supervision over a student enrolled in the school;

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(11) is being investigated for welfare fraud by an investigator of the division of family resources or a county office of the division of family resources;

(12) is being sought by the parent locator service of the child support bureau of the department of child services;

(13) is or was required to register as a sex or violent offender under IC 11-8-8;

(14) has been convicted of any of the following:

- (A) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- (B) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (repealed), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- (C) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
- (D) Child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~) (**IC 35-42-4-4**).
- (E) Possession of child sex abuse material (IC 35-42-4-4(d) or IC 35-42-4-4(e)) (**before July 1, 2026**), or a child sex abuse material offense described in IC 35-42-4-4.5 (**after June 30, 2026**).
- (F) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).
- (G) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
- (H) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
- (I) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a felony (IC 35-42-4-9).
- (J) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age;

(15) is identified as a possible perpetrator of child abuse or neglect in an assessment conducted by the department of child services under IC 31-33-8; or

(16) is:

- (A) a parent, guardian, or custodian of a child; or
- (B) an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and resides in the home of the parent, guardian, or custodian;

with whom the department of child services or a county probation department has a case plan, dispositional decree, or permanency plan approved under IC 31-34 or IC 31-37 that provides for reunification following an out-of-home placement.

However, limited criminal history information obtained from the National Crime Information Center may not be released under this section except to the extent permitted by the Attorney General of the

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1 United States.

2 (b) A law enforcement agency shall allow inspection of a limited
 3 criminal history by and release a limited criminal history to the
 4 following noncriminal justice organizations:

5 (1) Federally chartered or insured banking institutions.
 6 (2) Officials of state and local government for any of the
 7 following purposes:
 8 (A) Employment with a state or local governmental entity.
 9 (B) Licensing.
 10 (3) Segments of the securities industry identified under 15
 11 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2).

12 (c) Any person who knowingly or intentionally uses limited
 13 criminal history for any purpose not specified under this section
 14 commits a Class C infraction. However, the violation is a Class A
 15 misdemeanor if the person has a prior unrelated adjudication or
 16 conviction for a violation of this section within the previous five (5)
 17 years.

18 SECTION 3. IC 11-8-8-4.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
 19 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 20 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Except as provided in section 22 of this
 21 chapter, as used in this chapter, "sex offender" means a person
 22 convicted of any of the following offenses:

23 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
 24 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).
 25 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
 26 (4) Child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~).
 27 **(IC 35-42-4-4).**
 28 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (including performing sexual
 29 conduct in the presence of a minor) (IC 35-42-4-5).
 30 (6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
 31 (7) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
 32 (8) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9) as a Class A,
 33 Class B, or Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
 34 2014) or a Level 1, Level 2, Level 4, or Level 5 felony (for a
 35 crime committed after June 30, 2014), unless:
 36 (A) the person is convicted of sexual misconduct with a
 37 minor as a Class C felony (for a crime committed before
 38 July 1, 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime committed
 39 after June 30, 2014);
 40 (B) the person is not more than:
 41 (i) four (4) years older than the victim if the offense



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1 a secure private facility (as defined in IC 31-9-2-115), or is
2 discharged from a juvenile detention facility as a result of
3 an adjudication as a delinquent child for an act that would
4 be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an
5 adult; and

6 (C) is found by a court by clear and convincing evidence to
7 be likely to repeat an act that would be an offense described
8 in subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

9 (c) In making a determination under subsection (b)(2)(C), the
10 court shall consider expert testimony concerning whether a child is
11 likely to repeat an act that would be an offense described in subsection
12 (a) if committed by an adult.

13 (d) A person ordered to register under subsection (b)(2) may
14 petition the court to reconsider the order at any time after completing
15 court ordered sex offender treatment. The court shall consider expert
16 testimony concerning whether a child or person is likely to repeat an
17 offense described in subsection (a) or an act that would be an offense
18 described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

19 SECTION 4. IC 11-8-8-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
20 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in section 22 of this
22 chapter, as used in this chapter, "sex or violent offender" means a
23 person convicted of any of the following offenses:

24 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

25 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).

26 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

27 (4) Child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~).
28 (IC 35-42-4-4).

29 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (including performing sexual
30 conduct in the presence of a minor) (IC 35-42-4-5).

31 (6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).

32 (7) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).

33 (8) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9) as a Class A,
34 Class B, or Class C felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
35 2014) or a Level 1, Level 2, Level 4, or Level 5 felony (for a
36 crime committed after June 30, 2014), unless:

37 (A) the person is convicted of sexual misconduct with a
38 minor as a Class C felony (for a crime committed before
39 July 1, 2014) or a Level 5 felony (for a crime committed
40 after June 30, 2014);

41 (B) the person is not more than:



- (i) four (4) years older than the victim if the offense was committed after June 30, 2007; or
- (ii) five (5) years older than the victim if the offense was committed before July 1, 2007; and

(C) the sentencing court finds that the person should not be required to register as a sex offender.

(9) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).

(10) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).

12 (12) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), if the victim is less
13 than eighteen (18) years of age, and the person who confined or
14 removed the victim is not the victim's parent or guardian.

15 (13) Possession of child sex abuse material (IC 35-42-4-4(d) or
16 IC 35-42-4-4(e)) (before July 1, 2026), or a child sex abuse
17 material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June 30, 2026).

18 (14) Promoting prostitution (IC 35-45-4-4) as a Class B felony
19 (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 4 felony
20 (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014).

21 (15) Promotion of human sexual trafficking under
22 IC 35-42-3.5-1.1.

23 (16) Promotion of child sexual trafficking under
24 IC 35-42-3.5-1.2(a).
25 (17) Promotion of sexual trafficking of a younger child

26 (IC 35-42-3.5-1.2(c)).

27 (18) Child sexual trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.3).
28 (19) Human trafficking under IC 35-42-3.5-1.4 if the victim is
29 less than eighteen (18) years of age.

30 (20) Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

31 (21) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).

32 (22) Sexual misconduct by a service provider with a detained or
33 supervised child (IC 35-44.1-3-10(c)).

34 (b) The term includes:

35 (1) a person who is required to register as a sex or violent
36 offender in any jurisdiction; and

37 (2) a child who has committed a delinquent act, or a person
38 prosecuted under IC 31-30-1-4(d) for an offense described in
39 subsection (a) committed when the person was less than eighteen
40 (18) years of age, but who was at least twenty-one (21) years of
41 age when the charge was filed, and who:

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- (A) is at least fourteen (14) years of age;
- (B) is on probation, is on parole, is discharged from a facility by the department of correction, is discharged from a secure private facility (as defined in IC 31-9-2-115), or is discharged from a juvenile detention facility as a result of an adjudication as a delinquent child for an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult; and
- (C) is found by a court by clear and convincing evidence to be likely to repeat an act that would be an offense described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

16 (d) A person ordered to register under subsection (b)(2) may
17 petition the court to reconsider the order at any time after completing
18 court ordered sex offender treatment. The court shall consider expert
19 testimony concerning whether a child or person is likely to repeat an
20 offense described in subsection (a) or an act that would be an offense
21 described in subsection (a) if committed by an adult.

22 SECTION 5. IC 11-13-3-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
23 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
24 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, "Internet crime
25 against a child" means a conviction for a violation of:

(1) ~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(e)~~ **IC 35-42-4-4** (child exploitation);
(2) IC 35-42-4-4(d) or IC 35-42-4-4(e) (possession of child sex abuse material) **(before July 1, 2026)**, or a **child sex abuse material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June 30, 2026)**;
or
(3) IC 35-42-4-6 (child solicitation).

33 (b) When a person is placed on lifetime parole, the department
34 shall provide the parolee with a written statement of the conditions of
35 lifetime parole. The parolee shall sign the statement, retain a copy, and
36 provide a copy to the department. The department shall place the
37 signed statement in the parolee's master file.



1 parolee's residence, employment, or contact information not
2 later than seventy-two (72) hours after the change;
3 (B) report to the parole agent as instructed;
4 (C) avoid contact with any person who is less than sixteen
5 (16) years of age, unless the parolee receives written
6 authorization from the parole board; and
7 (D) avoid contact with the victim of any sex crime
8 committed by that parolee, unless the parolee receives
9 written authorization from the parole board;

10 (2) prohibit a parolee who is a sexually violent predator
11 convicted of an Internet crime against a child from:
12 (A) accessing or using certain websites, chat rooms, or
13 instant messaging programs frequented by children; and
14 (B) deleting, erasing, or tampering with data on the
15 parolee's personal computer;

16 (3) prohibit a parolee who is a sexually violent predator from
17 owning, operating, managing, being employed by, or
18 volunteering at an attraction designed to be primarily enjoyed by
19 a child less than sixteen (16) years of age; and
20 (4) require a parolee to allow the parolee's supervising parole
21 agent or another person authorized by the parole board to visit
22 the parolee's residence, real property, or place of employment.

23 (d) As a condition of lifetime parole, the parole board may require
24 a sexually violent predator to participate in a sex offender treatment
25 program approved by the parole board.

26 (e) As a condition of lifetime parole, the parole board may require
27 a parolee who is:
28 (1) a sexually violent predator; or
29 (2) required to register as a sex or violent offender under
30 IC 11-8-8-5 due to a conviction for murder (IC 35-42-1-1) or
31 voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3);
32 to wear a monitoring device (as described in IC 35-38-2.5-3) that can
33 transmit information twenty-four (24) hours each day regarding a
34 person's precise location, subject to a validated sex offender risk
35 assessment or appropriate violent offender risk assessment, and subject
36 to the amount appropriated to the department for a monitoring program
37 as a condition of lifetime parole.

38 (f) When an offender is placed on lifetime parole, the parole board
39 shall inform the sheriff and the prosecuting attorney of the offender's
40 current county of residence:
41 (1) that the offender has been placed on lifetime parole; and

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1 reasonable parenting time rights unless the court finds, after a hearing,
2 that parenting time might:

3 (1) endanger the child's physical health and well-being; or
4 (2) significantly impair the child's emotional development.

5 (b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the
6 court in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time
7 by the noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health
8 or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

(c) In a hearing under subsection (a), there is a rebuttable presumption that a person who has been convicted of:

11 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
12 (2) child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~);
13 **(IC 35-42-4-4);**

14 might endanger the child's physical health and well-being or
15 significantly impair the child's emotional development.

16 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a court grants parenting
17 time rights to a person who has been convicted of:
18 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
19 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)).

19 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-8) or IC 35-42-4-9),
20 **(IC 35-42-4-4);**
21 there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the child
22 must be supervised.

22 must be supervised.
23 (e) If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been
24 convicted of:

27 (IC 35-42-4-4),
28 within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the
29 parenting time with the child must be supervised.

29 parenting time with the child must be supervised.
30 (f) The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. If
31 counsel is present:

31 consider is present.

32 (1) a record may be made of the interview; and

33 (2) the interview may be made part of the record for purposes of

34 appeal.

35 SECTION 9. IC 31-17-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2021,
36 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Subject to subsections (d) and (e) and
38 subject to section 1.1 of this chapter, a parent not granted custody of
39 the child is entitled to reasonable parenting time rights unless the court
40 finds, after a hearing, that parenting time by the noncustodial parent
41 might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the
42 child's emotional development.

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(b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the court in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time by the noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

5 (c) The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. If
6 counsel is present:

10 (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a court grants parenting
11 time rights to a person who has been convicted of:

12 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
13 (2) child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b)~~ or ~~IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~);
14 **(IC 35-42-4-4);**

15 there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the child
16 must be supervised.

17 (e) If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been
18 convicted of:

19 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
20 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));
21 **(IC 35-42-4-4);**

22 within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the
23 parenting time with the child must be supervised.

24 SECTION 10. IC 33-37-5-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2018,
25 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 23. (a) This section applies to criminal actions.

27 (b) The court shall assess a sexual assault victims assistance fee
28 of at least five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than five thousand
29 dollars (\$5,000) against an individual convicted in Indiana of any of the
30 following offenses:

31 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
32 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).
33 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

34 (4) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)).
35 **(IC 35-42-4-4).**
36 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).

37 (6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
38 (7) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
39 (8) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).

40 (9) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Class A or Class B
41 felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 1
42 felony or Level 4 felony (for a crime committed after June 30,



1 2014) (IC 35-42-4-9).
2 (10) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
3 (11) Promotion of human labor trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1).
4 (12) Promotion of human sexual trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.1).
5 (13) Promotion of child sexual trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.2(a)).
6 (14) Promotion of sexual trafficking of a younger child
7 (IC 35-42-3.5-1.2(c)).
8 (15) Child sexual trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.3).
9 (16) Human trafficking (IC 35-42-3.5-1.4).

10 SECTION 11. IC 33-39-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2016,
11 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
12 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. A prosecuting attorney who charges a person
13 with committing any of the following shall inform the person's
14 employer of the charge, unless the prosecuting attorney determines that
15 the person charged does not work with children:

18 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (repealed), if the
19 victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.

20 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

21 (4) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)).
22 (IC 35-42-4-4).

22 (1c) 55 (22-11).
23 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (1)

(6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6)

(7) Child seduction (JC 35.42.4.7)

(8) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3), if the victim

28 SECTION 12, IC 35-31.5-2-98 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE
29 JULY 1, 2026]. Sec. 98. "Disseminate", for purposes of IC 35-42-4-4,
30 has the meaning set forth in IC 35-42-4-4(a).

31 SECTION 13. IC 35-31.5-2-196, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,
32 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 196. (a) "Matter", for purposes of IC 35-42-4-4,
34 has the meaning set forth in IC 35-42-4-4(a).

37 SECTION 14. IC 35-31.5-2-233, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,
38 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 233. (a) "Performance", for purposes of
40 IC 35-42-4-4, has the meaning set forth in IC 35-42-4-4(a).

41 (b) "Performance", for purposes of IC 35-49, has the meaning set



1 forth in IC 35-49-1-7.

2 SECTION 15. IC 35-31.5-2-300, AS AMENDED BY
 3 P.L.144-2018, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 300. (a) "Sexual
 5 conduct", for purposes of IC 35-42-3.5-0.5 and IC 35-42-4-4, has the
 6 meaning set forth in ~~IC 35-42-4-4(a)~~. **IC 35-42-4-4.**

7 (b) "Sexual conduct", for purposes of IC 35-49, has the meaning
 8 set forth in IC 35-49-1-9.

9 SECTION 16. IC 35-36-10-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.148-2011,
 10 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. This chapter applies ~~only~~ in a criminal **or civil**
 12 proceeding.

13 SECTION 17. IC 35-36-10-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
 14 SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "child sex abuse
 16 material" includes:

17 (1) material described in ~~IC 35-42-4-4(d)~~; **IC 35-42-4-4.5**; and
 18 (2) material defined in 18 U.S.C. 2256(8).

19 SECTION 18. IC 35-36-10-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
 20 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. In any criminal proceeding **or civil proceeding**,
 22 material constituting child sex abuse material must remain in the
 23 custody of the state or the court.

24 SECTION 19. IC 35-36-10-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
 25 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 26 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. A court shall deny any request by the defendant
 27 in a criminal proceeding, **or any party in a civil proceeding**, to copy,
 28 photograph, duplicate, or otherwise reproduce any material that
 29 constitutes child sex abuse material if the state **(in a criminal
 30 proceeding), or the court (in a civil proceeding)**, provides ample
 31 opportunity for inspection, viewing, and examination of the material
 32 by:

33 (1) the defendant **(in a criminal proceeding)**;
 34 (2) the defendant's attorney **(in a criminal proceeding)**; **and**
 35 (3) any individual the defendant seeks to qualify as an expert **(in
 36 a criminal proceeding)**;
 37 (4) **any party and the party's attorney (in a civil proceeding)**;
 38 **and**
 39 (5) **any individual a party seeks to qualify as an expert (in a
 40 civil proceeding)**;

41 at a state or local court or law enforcement facility as provided in



1 section 5 of this chapter.

2 SECTION 20. IC 35-38-2-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2016,
 3 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2.5. (a) As used in this section, "offender" means
 5 an individual convicted of a sex offense.

6 (b) As used in this section, "sex offense" **has the meaning set**
 7 **forth in IC 11-8-8-5.2. means any of the following:**

- 8 (1) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).
- 9 (2) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (repealed).
- 10 (3) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
- 11 (4) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)).
- 12 (5) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).
- 13 (6) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
- 14 (7) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
- 15 (8) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).
- 16 (9) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a felony (IC 35-42-4-9).
- 17 (10) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).

18 (c) A condition of remaining on probation or parole after
 19 conviction for a sex offense is that the offender not reside within one
 20 (1) mile of the residence of the victim of the offender's sex offense.

21 (d) An offender:

22 (1) who will be placed on probation shall provide the sentencing
 23 court and the probation department with the address where the
 24 offender intends to reside during the period of probation:

- 25 (A) at the time of sentencing if the offender will be placed
 26 on probation without first being incarcerated; or
- 27 (B) before the offender's release from incarceration if the
 28 offender will be placed on probation after completing a term
 29 of incarceration; or
- 30 (2) who will be placed on parole shall provide the parole board
 31 with the address where the offender intends to reside during the
 32 period of parole.

33 (e) An offender, while on probation or parole, may not establish
 34 a new residence within one (1) mile of the residence of the victim of
 35 the offender's sex offense unless the offender first obtains a waiver
 36 from the:

- 37 (1) court, if the offender is placed on probation; or
- 38 (2) parole board, if the offender is placed on parole;

39 for the change of address under subsection (f).

40 (f) The court or parole board may waive the requirement set forth
 41 in subsection (c) only if the court or parole board, at a hearing at which



1 the offender is present and of which the prosecuting attorney has been
 2 notified, determines that:

- 3 (1) the offender has successfully completed a sex offender
 4 treatment program during the period of probation or parole;
- 5 (2) the offender is in compliance with all terms of the offender's
 6 probation or parole; and
- 7 (3) good cause exists to allow the offender to reside within one
 8 (1) mile of the residence of the victim of the offender's sex
 9 offense.

10 However, the court or parole board may not grant a waiver under this
 11 subsection if the offender is a sexually violent predator under
 12 IC 35-38-1-7.5 or if the offender is an offender against children under
 13 IC 35-42-4-11.

14 (g) If the court or parole board grants a waiver under subsection
 15 (f), the court or parole board shall state in writing the reasons for
 16 granting the waiver. The court's written statement of its reasons shall
 17 be incorporated into the record.

18 (h) The address of the victim of the offender's sex offense is
 19 confidential even if the court or parole board grants a waiver under
 20 subsection (f).

21 SECTION 21. IC 35-42-3.5-1.2, AS AMENDED BY
 22 P.L.186-2025, SECTION 233, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1.2. (a) A person who
 24 knowingly or intentionally recruits, entices, harbors, or transports a
 25 child less than eighteen (18) years of age with the intent of causing the
 26 child to engage in:

27 (1) prostitution or juvenile prostitution; or
 28 (2) a performance or incident that includes sexual conduct in
 29 violation of ~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(e)~~ **IC 35-42-4-4**
 30 (child exploitation);
 31 commits promotion of child sexual trafficking, a Level 3 felony.

32 (b) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that the:
 33 (1) child consented to engage in prostitution or juvenile
 34 prostitution or to participate in sexual conduct; or
 35 (2) intended victim of the offense is a law enforcement officer.

36 (c) A person who knowingly or intentionally recruits, entices,
 37 harbors, or transports a child less than sixteen (16) years of age with
 38 the intent of inducing or causing the child to participate in sexual
 39 conduct commits promotion of sexual trafficking of a younger child, a
 40 Level 3 felony. It is a defense to a prosecution under this subsection if:
 41 (1) the child is at least fourteen (14) years of age but less than



1 sixteen (16) years of age and the person is less than eighteen (18)
 2 years of age; or

3 (2) all the following apply:

4 (A) The person is not more than four (4) years older than
 5 the victim.

6 (B) The relationship between the person and the victim was
 7 a dating relationship or an ongoing personal relationship.
 8 The term "ongoing personal relationship" does not include
 9 a family relationship.

10 (C) The crime:

11 (i) was not committed by a person who is at least
 12 twenty-one (21) years of age;

13 (ii) was not committed by using or threatening the use
 14 of deadly force;

15 (iii) was not committed while armed with a deadly
 16 weapon;

17 (iv) did not result in serious bodily injury;

18 (v) was not facilitated by furnishing the victim, without
 19 the victim's knowledge, with a drug (as defined in
 20 IC 16-42-19-2(1)) or a controlled substance (as defined
 21 in IC 35-48-1.1-7) or knowing that the victim was
 22 furnished with the drug or controlled substance without
 23 the victim's knowledge; and

24 (vi) was not committed by a person having a position
 25 of authority or substantial influence over the victim.

26 (D) The person has not committed another sex offense (as
 27 defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2), including a delinquent act that
 28 would be a sex offense if committed by an adult, against any
 29 other person.

30 (E) The person is not promoting prostitution (as defined in
 31 IC 35-45-4-4) with respect to the victim even though the
 32 person has not been charged with or convicted of the
 33 offense.

34 SECTION 22. IC 35-42-4-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
 35 SECTION 17, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 36 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) The following definitions apply throughout
 37 this section:

38 (1) "Disseminate" means to transfer possession for free or for a
 39 consideration;

40 (2) (1) "Image" means the following: any visual representation.

41 (A) A picture;



- (B) A drawing.
- (C) A photograph.
- (D) A negative image.
- (E) An undeveloped film.
- (F) A motion picture.
- (G) A videotape.
- (H) A digitized image.
- (I) A computer generated image.
- (J) Any pictorial representation.

(3) "Matter" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-3.

(4) "Performance" has the same meaning as in IC 35-49-1-7.

(5) (2) "Sexual conduct" means:

- (A) sexual intercourse;
- (B) other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5);
- (C) exhibition of the:
 - (i) uncovered genitals; or
 - (ii) female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple;

intended to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any person;

- (D) sadomasochistic abuse;
- (E) sexual intercourse or other sexual conduct (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-221.5) with an animal; or
- (F) any fondling or touching of a child by another person or of another person by a child intended to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either the child or the other person.

(b) A person who:

- (1) knowingly or intentionally manages, produces, sponsors, presents, exhibits, photographs, films, videotapes, or creates a digitized image of any performance or incident that includes sexual conduct by a child under eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) knowingly or intentionally disseminates, exhibits to another person, offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person, or sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or exhibition matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child under eighteen (18) years of age;
- (3) knowingly or intentionally makes available to another person a computer, knowing that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral device contains matter that depicts or describes sexual conduct by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age;
- (4) with the intent to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any

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1 person:

(A) knowingly or intentionally;

(i) manages;

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any performance or incident that includes the uncovered genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age;

(B) knowingly or intentionally:

(i) disseminates to another person;

(ii) exhibits to another person;

(iii) offers to disseminate or exhibit to another person;

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(iv) sends or brings into Indiana for dissemination or exhibition;

matter that depicts the uncovered genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or

(C) makes available to another person a computer, knowing that the computer's fixed drive or peripheral device contains matter that depicts the uncovered genitals of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age or the exhibition of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or

(5) knowingly or intentionally produces, disseminates, or possesses with intent to disseminate an image that depicts or describes sexual conduct;

(A) by a child who the person knows is less than eighteen

(18) years of age;

(B) by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or by a



1 person who appears to be a child less than eighteen (18)
 2 years of age, if the image is obscene (as described in
 3 IE 35-49-2-1), or
 4 (C) that is simulated sexual conduct involving a
 5 representation that appears to be a child less than eighteen
 6 (18) years of age, if the representation of the image is
 7 obscene (as described in IE 35-49-2-1);
 8 (1) induces, causes, or coerces a child less than eighteen (18)
 9 years of age to engage in sexual conduct with the intent to
 10 produce or transmit an image of the sexual conduct;
 11 (2) induces, causes, or coerces a child less than eighteen (18)
 12 years of age to assist another person in engaging in sexual
 13 conduct, with the intent of aiding any person in the
 14 production or transmission of an image of the sexual
 15 conduct;
 16 (3) being the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child less
 17 than eighteen (18) years of age, permits the child to:
 18 (A) engage in sexual conduct; or
 19 (B) assist another person in engaging in sexual conduct;
 20 with the intent to aid another person in the production or
 21 transmission of an image of the sexual conduct; or
 22 (4) solicits a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, or who
 23 the person believes to be a child less than eighteen (18) years
 24 of age, to:
 25 (A) engage in sexual conduct; or
 26 (B) assist another person in engaging in sexual conduct;
 27 with the intent to produce or transmit an image of the sexual
 28 conduct;
 29 commits child exploitation, a Level 5 felony, **except as otherwise**
 30 **provided in this section.** It is not a required element of an offense
 31 under subdivision (5)(C) that the child depicted actually exists.
 32 (c) However, the offense of child exploitation described in
 33 subsection (b) is a Level 4 felony if:
 34 (I) the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or incident depicts
 35 or describes a child less than eighteen (18) years of age who:
 36 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IE 35-46-3-14);
 37 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;
 38 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance,
 39 or incident by use of force or the threat of force;
 40 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual
 41 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;
 42 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual

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conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or
(F) is less than twelve (12) years of age; or
the child less than eighteen (18) years of age:
(A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);
(B) is mentally disabled or deficient;
(C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or incident by use of force or the threat of force;
(D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or incident;
(E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or
(F) is less than twelve (12) years of age.

(c) The offense described in subsection (b) is a Level 4 felony if:

(1) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for a sex offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2); or

(2) the conduct depicted in the image involves:

(A) bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);

(B) a child less than twelve (12) years of age;

(C) violence or a depiction of violence against a child, including sado-masochistic abuse (as defined in IC 35-49-1-8);

(D) child molesting;

(E) pecuniary gain by the person; or

(F) distributing the visual depiction to a child less than eighteen (18) years of age with the intent of inducing, causing, or coercing the child to commit a criminal offense.

(d) The offense described in subsection (b) is a Level 3 felony if the offense is committed by force or threat of force.

(d) A person who, with intent to view the image, knowingly or intentionally possesses or accesses an image that depicts or describes sexual conduct;

(1) by a child who the person knows is less than eighteen (18) years of age;

(2) by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age; or by a person who appears to be a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, if the representation of the image is obscene (as described in IC 35-49-2-1); or

(3) that is simulated sexual conduct involving a representation that appears to be a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, if the representation of the image is obscene (as described in



1 IC 35-49-2-1);
 2 commits possession of child sex abuse material, a Level 6 felony. It is
 3 not a required element of an offense under subdivision (3) that the
 4 child depicted actually exists.
 5 (e) However, the offense of possession of child sex abuse material
 6 described in subsection (d) is a Level 5 felony if:
 7 (1) the sexual conduct, matter, performance, or incident depicts
 8 or describes a child who the person knows is less than eighteen
 9 (18) years of age, or who appears to be less than eighteen (18)
 10 years of age, who:
 11 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);
 12 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;
 13 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance,
 14 or incident by use of force or the threat of force;
 15 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual
 16 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;
 17 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual
 18 conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or
 19 (F) is less than twelve (12) years of age; or
 20 (2) the child less than eighteen (18) years of age:
 21 (A) engages in bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);
 22 (B) is mentally disabled or deficient;
 23 (C) participates in the sexual conduct, matter, performance,
 24 or incident by use of force or the threat of force;
 25 (D) physically or verbally resists participating in the sexual
 26 conduct, matter, performance, or incident;
 27 (E) receives a bodily injury while participating in the sexual
 28 conduct, matter, performance, or incident; or
 29 (F) is less than twelve (12) years of age;
 30 (f) (e) Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) do **This section does not**
 31 apply to a bona fide school, museum, or public library that qualifies for
 32 certain property tax exemptions under IC 6-1.1-10, or to an employee
 33 of such a school, museum, or public library acting within the scope of
 34 the employee's employment when the possession of the listed materials
 35 is for legitimate scientific or educational purposes.
 36 (g) (f) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:
 37 (1) the person is a school employee, a department of child
 38 services employee, or an attorney acting in the attorney's
 39 capacity as legal counsel for a client; and
 40 (2) the acts constituting the elements of the offense were
 41 performed solely within the scope of the person's employment as

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1 a school employee, a department of child services employee, or
 2 an attorney acting in the attorney's capacity as legal counsel for
 3 a client.

4 ~~(h)~~ **(g)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(f)~~, **(h)**, it is a defense to
 5 a prosecution under subsection ~~(b)~~, ~~(c)~~, ~~(d)~~, or ~~(e)~~ **this section** if all of
 6 the following apply:

7 (1) A cellular telephone, another wireless or cellular
 8 communications device, or a social networking website was used
 9 to possess, produce, or disseminate the image.

10 (2) The defendant is not more than four (4) years older or
 11 younger than the person who is depicted in the image or who
 12 received the image.

13 (3) The relationship between the defendant and the person who
 14 received the image or who is depicted in the image was a dating
 15 relationship or an ongoing personal relationship. For purposes of
 16 this subdivision, the term "ongoing personal relationship" does
 17 not include a family relationship.

18 (4) The crime was committed by a person less than twenty-two
 19 (22) years of age.

20 (5) The person receiving the image or who is depicted in the
 21 image acquiesced in the defendant's conduct.

22 ~~(f)~~ **(h)** The defense to a prosecution described in subsection ~~(f)~~ **(g)**
 23 does not apply if:

24 (1) the person who receives the image disseminates it to a person
 25 other than the person:

26 (A) who sent the image; or

27 (B) who is depicted in the image;

28 (2) the image is of a person other than the person who sent the
 29 image or received the image; or

30 (3) the dissemination of the image violates:

31 (A) a protective order to prevent domestic or family
 32 violence or harassment issued under IC 34-26-5 (or, if the
 33 order involved a family or household member, under
 34 IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1-5 before their repeal);

35 (B) an ex parte protective order issued under IC 34-26-5 (or,
 36 if the order involved a family or household member, an
 37 emergency order issued under IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1
 38 before their repeal);

39 (C) a workplace violence restraining order issued under
 40 IC 34-26-6;

41 (D) a no contact order in a dispositional decree issued under



1 IC 31-34-20-1, IC 31-37-19-1, or IC 31-37-5-6 (or
2 IC 31-6-4-15.4 or IC 31-6-4-15.9 before their repeal) or an
3 order issued under IC 31-32-13 (or IC 31-6-7-14 before its
4 repeal) that orders the person to refrain from direct or
5 indirect contact with a child in need of services or a
6 delinquent child;
7 (E) a no contact order issued as a condition of pretrial
8 release, including release on bail or personal recognizance,
9 or pretrial diversion, and including a no contact order issued
10 under IC 35-33-8-3.6;
11 (F) a no contact order issued as a condition of probation;
12 (G) a protective order to prevent domestic or family
13 violence issued under IC 31-15-5 (or IC 31-16-5 or
14 IC 31-1-11.5-8.2 before their repeal);
15 (H) a protective order to prevent domestic or family
16 violence issued under IC 31-14-16-1 in a paternity action;
17 (I) a no contact order issued under IC 31-34-25 in a child in
18 need of services proceeding or under IC 31-37-25 in a
19 juvenile delinquency proceeding;
20 (J) an order issued in another state that is substantially
21 similar to an order described in clauses (A) through (I);
22 (K) an order that is substantially similar to an order
23 described in clauses (A) through (I) and is issued by an
24 Indian:
25 (i) tribe;
26 (ii) band;
27 (iii) pueblo;
28 (iv) nation; or
29 (v) organized group or community, including an
30 Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation
31 as defined in or established under the Alaska Native
32 Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);
33 that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and
34 services provided by the United States to Indians because of
35 their special status as Indians;
36 (L) an order issued under IC 35-33-8-3.2; or
37 (M) an order issued under IC 35-38-1-30.
38 (f) (i) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:
39 (1) the person was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the
40 time the alleged offense was committed; and
41 (2) the circumstances described in IC 35-45-4-6(a)(2) through



1 IC 35-45-4-6(a)(4) apply.

2 **(k) (j)** A person is entitled to present the defense described in
 3 subsection **(j) (i)** in a pretrial hearing. If a person proves by a
 4 preponderance of the evidence in a pretrial hearing that the defense
 5 described in subsection **(j) (i)** applies, the court shall dismiss the
 6 charges under this section with prejudice.

7 SECTION 23. IC 35-42-4-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 8 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 9 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 4.5. (a) The following definitions**
 10 **apply throughout this section:**

11 **(1) "Image" has the meaning set forth in section 4 of this**
 12 **chapter.**

13 **(2) "Sexual conduct" has the meaning set forth in section 4**
 14 **of this chapter.**

15 **(b) A person who, with intent to view the image, knowingly or**
 16 **intentionally possesses or accesses an image that depicts or**
 17 **describes sexual conduct:**

18 **(1) by a child who the person knows is less than eighteen (18)**
 19 **years of age;**

20 **(2) by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, or by a**
 21 **person who appears to be a child less than eighteen (18)**
 22 **years of age, if the representation of the image is obscene (as**
 23 **described in IC 35-49-2-1); or**

24 **(3) that is simulated sexual conduct involving a**
 25 **representation that appears to be a child less than eighteen**
 26 **(18) years of age;**

27 **commits possession of child sex abuse material, a Level 6 felony,**
 28 **except as otherwise provided in this section. It is not a required**
 29 **element of an offense under subdivision (3) that the child depicted**
 30 **actually exists.**

31 **(c) The offense described in subsection (b) is a Level 5 felony**
 32 **if:**

33 **(1) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for a sex**
 34 **offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2); or**

35 **(2) the conduct depicted in the image involves:**

36 **(A) bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);**

37 **(B) a child less than twelve (12) years of age;**

38 **(C) violence or a depiction of violence against a child,**
 39 **including sado-masochistic abuse (as defined in**
 40 **IC 35-49-1-8); or**

41 **(D) child molesting.**

42 **(d) A person who knowingly or intentionally distributes an**



1 **image that depicts or describes sexual conduct:**

2 (1) by a child who the person knows is less than eighteen (18)
 3 years of age;

4 (2) by a child less than eighteen (18) years of age, or by a
 5 person who appears to be a child less than eighteen (18)
 6 years of age, if the image is obscene (as described in
 7 IC 35-49-2-1); or

8 (3) that is simulated sexual conduct involving a
 9 representation that appears to be a child less than eighteen
 10 (18) years of age;

11 **commits distribution of child sex abuse material, a Level 5 felony,**
 12 **except as otherwise provided in this section. It is not a required**
 13 **element of an offense under subdivision (3) that the child depicted**
 14 **actually exists.**

15 **(e) The offense described in subsection (d) is a Level 4 felony**
 16 **if:**

17 (1) the person has a prior unrelated conviction for a sex
 18 offense (as defined in IC 11-8-8-5.2); or

19 (2) the conduct depicted in the image involves:

20 (A) bestiality (as described in IC 35-46-3-14);

21 (B) a child less than twelve (12) years of age;

22 (C) violence or a depiction of violence against a child,
 23 including sado-masochistic abuse (as defined in
 24 IC 35-49-1-8);

25 (D) child molesting;

26 (E) pecuniary gain by the person; or

27 (F) distributing the visual depiction to a child less than
 28 eighteen (18) years of age with the intent of inducing,
 29 causing, or coercing the child to commit a criminal
 30 offense.

31 **(f) This section does not apply to a bona fide school, museum,**
 32 **or public library that qualifies for certain property tax exemptions**
 33 **under IC 6-1.1-10, or to an employee of such a school, museum, or**
 34 **public library acting within the scope of the employee's**
 35 **employment when the possession of the listed materials is for**
 36 **legitimate scientific or educational purposes.**

37 **(g) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:**

38 (1) the person is a school employee, a department of child
 39 services employee, or an attorney acting in the attorney's
 40 capacity as legal counsel for a client; and

41 (2) the acts constituting the elements of the offense were
 42 performed solely within the scope of the person's



1 employment as a school employee, a department of child
 2 services employee, or an attorney acting in the attorney's
 3 capacity as legal counsel for a client.

4 (h) Except as provided in subsection (g), it is a defense to a
 5 prosecution under this section if all of the following apply:

6 (1) A cellular telephone, another wireless or cellular
 7 communications device, or a social networking website was
 8 used to possess, produce, or disseminate the image.

9 (2) The defendant is not more than four (4) years older or
 10 younger than the person who is depicted in the image or who
 11 received the image.

12 (3) The relationship between the defendant and the person
 13 who received the image or who is depicted in the image was
 14 a dating relationship or an ongoing personal relationship.
 15 For purposes of this subdivision, the term "ongoing personal
 16 relationship" does not include a family relationship.

17 (4) The crime was committed by a person less than
 18 twenty-two (22) years of age.

19 (5) The person receiving the image or who is depicted in the
 20 image acquiesced in the defendant's conduct.

21 (i) The defense to a prosecution described in subsection (h)
 22 does not apply if:

23 (1) the person who receives the image disseminates it to a
 24 person other than the person:

25 (A) who sent the image; or

26 (B) who is depicted in the image;

27 (2) the image is of a person other than the person who sent
 28 the image or received the image; or

29 (3) the dissemination of the image violates:

30 (A) a protective order to prevent domestic or family
 31 violence or harassment issued under IC 34-26-5 (or, if
 32 the order involved a family or household member, under
 33 IC 34-26-2 or IC 34-4-5.1-5 before their repeal);

34 (B) an ex parte protective order issued under IC 34-26-5
 35 (or, if the order involved a family or household member,
 36 an emergency order issued under IC 34-26-2 or
 37 IC 34-4-5.1 before their repeal);

38 (C) a workplace violence restraining order issued under
 39 IC 34-26-6;

40 (D) a no contact order in a dispositional decree issued
 41 under IC 31-34-20-1, IC 31-37-19-1, or IC 31-37-19-6 (or
 42 IC 31-6-4-15.4 or IC 31-6-4-15.9 before their repeal) or

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an order issued under IC 31-32-13 (or IC 31-6-7-14 before its repeal) that orders the person to refrain from direct or indirect contact with a child in need of services or a delinquent child;

(E) a no contact order issued as a condition of pretrial release, including release on bail or personal recognizance, or pretrial diversion, and including a no contact order issued under IC 35-33-8-3.6;

(F) a no contact order issued as a condition of probation;

(G) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence issued under IC 31-15-5 (or IC 31-16-5 or IC 31-1-11.5-8.2 before their repeal);

(H) a protective order to prevent domestic or family violence issued under IC 31-14-16-1 in a paternity action;

(I) a no contact order issued under IC 31-34-25 in a child in need of services proceeding or under IC 31-37-25 in a juvenile delinquency proceeding;

(J) an order issued in another state that is substantially similar to an order described in clauses (A) through (I);
(K) an order that is substantially similar to an order described in clauses (A) through (I) and is issued by an Indian:

(i) tribe;

(ii) band;

(iii) pueblo;

(iv) nation; or

(v) organized group or community, including an Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their special status as Indians;

(L) an order issued under IC 35-33-8-3.2; or

(M) an order issued under IC 35-38-1-30.

is a defense to a prosecution under this section.

(j) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that:

(1) the person was less than eighteen (18) years of age at the

time the alleged offense was committed; and

(2) the circumstances described in IC 35-45-4-6(a)(2)



1 **through IC 35-45-4-6(a)(4) apply.**

2 **(k) A person is entitled to present the defense described in**
 3 **subsection (j) in a pretrial hearing. If a person proves by a**
 4 **preponderance of the evidence in a pretrial hearing that the**
 5 **defense described in subsection (j) applies, the court shall dismiss**
 6 **the charges under this section with prejudice.**

7 SECTION 24. IC 35-42-4-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.142-2020,
 8 SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 9 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 11. (a) As used in this section, and except as
 10 provided in subsection (d), "offender against children" means a person
 11 required to register as a sex or violent offender under IC 11-8-8 who
 12 has been:

- 13 (1) found to be a sexually violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5;
 14 or
- 15 (2) convicted of one (1) or more of the following offenses:
 16 (A) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
 17 (B) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)).
 18 **(IC 35-42-4-4).**
 19 (C) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
 20 (D) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
 21 (E) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2), if the victim is less than
 22 eighteen (18) years of age, and the person is not the child's
 23 parent or guardian.

24 A person is an offender against children by operation of law if the
 25 person meets the conditions described in subdivision (1) or (2) at any
 26 time.

27 (b) As used in this section, "reside" means to spend more than
 28 three (3) nights in:

- 29 (1) a residence; or
 30 (2) if the person does not reside in a residence, a particular
 31 location;

32 in any thirty (30) day period.

33 (c) An offender against children who knowingly or intentionally:

- 34 (1) resides within one thousand (1,000) feet of:
 35 (A) school property, not including property of an institution
 36 providing post-secondary education;
 37 (B) a youth program center;
 38 (C) a public park; or
 39 (D) a day care center licensed under IC 12-17.2;
- 40 (2) establishes a residence within one (1) mile of the residence
 41 of the victim of the offender's sex offense; or
- 42 (3) resides in a residence where a child care provider (as defined



1 by IC 31-33-26-1) provides child care services;
 2 commits a sex offender residency offense, a Level 6 felony.

3 (d) This subsection does not apply to an offender against children
 4 who has two (2) or more unrelated convictions for an offense described
 5 in subsection (a). A person who is an offender against children may
 6 petition the court to consider whether the person should no longer be
 7 considered an offender against children. The person may file a petition
 8 under this subsection not earlier than ten (10) years after the person is
 9 released from incarceration or parole, whichever occurs last (or, if the
 10 person is not incarcerated, not earlier than ten (10) years after the
 11 person is released from probation). A person may file a petition under
 12 this subsection not more than one (1) time per year. A court may
 13 dismiss a petition filed under this subsection or conduct a hearing to
 14 determine if the person should no longer be considered an offender
 15 against children. If the court conducts a hearing, the court shall appoint
 16 two (2) psychologists or psychiatrists who have expertise in criminal
 17 behavioral disorders to evaluate the person and testify at the hearing.
 18 After conducting the hearing and considering the testimony of the two
 19 (2) psychologists or psychiatrists, the court shall determine whether the
 20 person should no longer be considered an offender against children. If
 21 a court finds that the person should no longer be considered an offender
 22 against children, the court shall send notice to the department of
 23 correction that the person is no longer considered an offender against
 24 children.

25 SECTION 25. IC 35-42-4-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,
 26 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) As used in this section, "serious sex
 28 offender" means a person required to register as a sex offender under
 29 IC 11-8-8 who is:

- 30 (1) found to be a sexually violent predator under IC 35-38-1-7.5;
 31 or
- 32 (2) convicted of one (1) or more of the following offenses:
 - 33 (A) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).
 - 34 (B) Child exploitation (~~IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~).
35 (IC 35-42-4-4).
 - 36 (C) Possession of child sex abuse material (IC 35-42-4-4(d)
 37 or IC 35-42-4-4(e)) **(before July 1, 2026), or a child sex**
 38 **abuse material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June**
 39 **30, 2026).**
 - 40 (D) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5(a) and
 41 IC 35-42-4-5(b)).



(E) Performing sexual conduct in the presence of a minor (IC 35-42-4-5(c)).
(F) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
(G) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
(H) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9).

(b) A serious sex offender who knowingly or intentionally enters school property commits unlawful entry by a serious sex offender, a Level 6 felony.

(c) It is a defense to a prosecution under subsection (b) that:

- (1) a religious institution or house of worship is located on the school property; and
- (2) the person:
 - (A) enters the school property or other entity described in IC 35-31.5-2-285(1)(A) through IC 35-31.5-2-285(1)(D) when classes, extracurricular activities, or any other school activities are not being held:
 - (i) for the sole purpose of attending worship services or receiving religious instruction; and
 - (ii) not earlier than thirty (30) minutes before the beginning of the worship services or religious instruction; and
 - (B) leaves the school property not later than thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the worship services or religious instruction.

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1 minor's parent or guardian;

2 (6) misrepresents the minor's age for the purpose of obtaining

3 admission to an area from which minors are restricted because

4 of the display of matter or a performance that is harmful to

5 minors; or

6 (7) misrepresents that the person is a parent or guardian of a

7 minor for the purpose of obtaining admission of the minor to an

8 area where minors are being restricted because of display of

9 matter or performance that is harmful to minors;

10 commits a Level 6 felony.

11 (b) This section does not apply if a person disseminates, displays,

12 or makes available the matter described in subsection (a) through the

13 Internet, computer electronic transfer, or a computer network unless:

14 (1) the matter is obscene under IC 35-49-2-1;

15 (2) the matter is child sex abuse material under ~~IC 35-42-4-4;~~

16 ~~IC 35-42-4-5;~~ or

17 (3) the person distributes the matter to a child less than eighteen

18 (18) years of age believing or intending that the recipient is a

19 child less than eighteen (18) years of age.

20 SECTION 27. IC 35-50-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.218-2025,

21 SECTION 23, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE

22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "crime of violence"

23 means the following:

24 (1) Murder (IC 35-42-1-1).

25 (2) Attempted murder (IC 35-41-5-1).

26 (3) Voluntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-3).

27 (4) Involuntary manslaughter (IC 35-42-1-4).

28 (5) Reckless homicide (IC 35-42-1-5).

29 (6) Battery (IC 35-42-2-1) as a:

30 (A) Level 2 felony;

31 (B) Level 3 felony;

32 (C) Level 4 felony; or

33 (D) Level 5 felony.

34 (7) Domestic battery (IC 35-42-2-1.3) as a:

35 (A) Level 2 felony;

36 (B) Level 3 felony;

37 (C) Level 4 felony; or

38 (D) Level 5 felony.

39 (8) Aggravated battery (IC 35-42-2-1.5).

40 (9) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2).

41 (10) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

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1 (11) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its repeal).

2 (12) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).

3 (13) Sexual misconduct with a minor as a Level 1 felony under
4 IC 35-42-4-9(a)(2) or a Level 2 felony under IC 35-42-4-9(b)(2).

5 (14) Robbery as a Level 2 felony or a Level 3 felony
6 (IC 35-42-5-1).

(15) Burglary as a Level 1 felony, Level 2 felony, Level 3 felony, or Level 4 felony (IC 35-43-2-1).

9 (16) Operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing death or
10 catastrophic injury (IC 9-30-5-5).

11 (17) Operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious bodily
12 injury to another person (IC 9-30-5-4).

13 (18) Child exploitation (**IC 35-42-4-4**), as a Level 5 felony under
14 ~~IC 35-42-4-4(b)~~ or a Level 4 felony under ~~IC 35-42-4-4(c)~~.

15 (19) Resisting law enforcement as a felony (IC 35-44.1-3-1).
16 (20) Unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon

17 (IC 35-47-4-5).
18 (21) Strangulation (IC 35-42-2-9) as a Level 5 felony.

19 (b) As used in this section, "episode of criminal conduct" means
20 offenses or a connected series of offenses that are closely related in

21 time, place, and circumstance.
22 (c) Except as provided in subsection (e) or (f) the court shall
23 determine whether terms of imprisonment shall be served concurrently
24 or consecutively. The court may consider the:

24 or consecutively. The court may consider the:
25 (1) aggravating circumstances in JC 35-38-1-7 1(a); and

25 (1) aggravating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(a)
26 (2) mitigating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(b);

(2) mitigating circumstances in IC 35-38-1-7.1(b), in making a determination under this subsection. The court may order terms of imprisonment to be served consecutively even if the sentences are not imposed at the same time. However, except for crimes of violence, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment, exclusive of terms of imprisonment under IC 35-50-2-8 and IC 35-50-2-10 (before its repeal) to which the defendant is sentenced for felony or misdemeanor convictions arising out of an episode of criminal conduct shall not exceed the period described in subsection (d).



(2) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Class B misdemeanor, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed two (2) years.

(3) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Class A misdemeanor, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed three (3) years.

(4) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Level 6 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed four (4) years.

(5) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Level 5 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed seven (7) years.

(6) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Level 4 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed fifteen (15) years.

(7) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Level 3 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed twenty (20) years.

(8) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Level 2 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed thirty-two (32) years.

(9) If the most serious crime for which the defendant is sentenced is a Level 1 felony, the total of the consecutive terms of imprisonment may not exceed forty-two (42) years.

(e) If, after being arrested for one (1) crime, a person commits another crime:

(1) before the date the person is discharged from probation, parole, or a term of imprisonment imposed for the first crime; or

(2) while the person is released:

(A) upon the person's own recognizance; or

(B) on bond;

the terms of imprisonment for the crimes shall be served consecutively, regardless of the order in which the crimes are tried and sentences are imposed.

(f) If the factfinder determines under IC 35-50-2-11 that a person used a firearm in the commission of the offense for which the person was convicted, the term of imprisonment for the underlying offense and the additional term of imprisonment imposed under IC 35-50-2-11 must be served consecutively.

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1 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A person who commits a Class D felony (for
 2 a crime committed before July 1, 2014) shall be imprisoned for a fixed
 3 term of between six (6) months and three (3) years, with the advisory
 4 sentence being one and one-half (1 1/2) years. In addition, the person
 5 may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

6 (b) A person who commits a Level 6 felony (for a crime
 7 committed after June 30, 2014) shall be imprisoned for a fixed term of
 8 between six (6) months and two and one-half (2 1/2) years, with the
 9 advisory sentence being one (1) year. In addition, the person may be
 10 fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

11 (c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), if a person has
 12 committed a Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
 13 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014),
 14 the court may enter judgment of conviction of a Class A misdemeanor
 15 and sentence accordingly. However, the court shall enter a judgment of
 16 conviction of a Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1,
 17 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014)
 18 if:

19 (1) the court finds that:

20 (A) the person has committed a prior, unrelated felony for
 21 which judgment was entered as a conviction of a Class A
 22 misdemeanor; and

23 (B) the prior felony was committed less than three (3) years
 24 before the second felony was committed;

25 (2) the offense is domestic battery as a Class D felony (for a
 26 crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a
 27 crime committed after June 30, 2014) under IC 35-42-2-1.3; or

28 (3) the offense is possession of child sex abuse material
 29 (IC 35-42-4-4(d)) **(before July 1, 2026) or a child sex abuse**
 30 **material offense under IC 35-42-4-4.5 (after June 30, 2026).**

31 The court shall enter in the record, in detail, the reason for its action
 32 whenever it exercises the power to enter judgment of conviction of a
 33 Class A misdemeanor granted in this subsection.

34 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the sentencing court
 35 may convert a Class D felony conviction (for a crime committed before
 36 July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony conviction (for a crime committed
 37 after June 30, 2014) to a Class A misdemeanor conviction if, after
 38 receiving a verified petition as described in subsection (e) and after
 39 conducting a hearing of which the prosecuting attorney has been
 40 notified, the court makes the following findings:

41 (1) The person is not a sex or violent offender (as defined in



1 IC 11-8-8-5).

2 (2) The person was not convicted of a Class D felony (for a
 3 crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a Level 6 felony (for a
 4 crime committed after June 30, 2014) that resulted in bodily
 5 injury to another person.

6 (3) The person has not been convicted of perjury under
 7 IC 35-44.1-2-1 (or IC 35-44-2-1 before its repeal) or official
 8 misconduct under IC 35-44.1-1-1 (or IC 35-44-1-2 before its
 9 repeal).

10 (4) The person has not been convicted of domestic battery as a
 11 Class D felony (for a crime committed before July 1, 2014) or a
 12 Level 6 felony (for a crime committed after June 30, 2014) under
 13 IC 35-42-2-1.3 in the fifteen (15) year period immediately
 14 preceding the commission of the current offense.

15 (5) At least three (3) years have passed since the person:
 16 (A) completed the person's sentence; and
 17 (B) satisfied any other obligation imposed on the person as
 18 part of the sentence;
 19 for the Class D or Level 6 felony.

20 (6) The person has not been convicted of a felony since the
 21 person:
 22 (A) completed the person's sentence; and
 23 (B) satisfied any other obligation imposed on the person as
 24 part of the sentence;
 25 for the Class D or Level 6 felony.

26 (7) No criminal charges are pending against the person.

27 (e) A petition filed under subsection (d) or (f) must be verified and
 28 set forth:
 29 (1) the crime the person has been convicted of;
 30 (2) the date of the conviction;
 31 (3) the date the person completed the person's sentence;
 32 (4) any obligations imposed on the person as part of the
 33 sentence;
 34 (5) the date the obligations were satisfied; and
 35 (6) a verified statement that there are no criminal charges
 36 pending against the person.

37 (f) If a person whose Class D or Level 6 felony conviction has
 38 been converted to a Class A misdemeanor conviction under subsection
 39 (d) is convicted of a felony not later than five (5) years after the
 40 conversion under subsection (d), a prosecuting attorney may petition
 41 a court to convert the person's Class A misdemeanor conviction back

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1 to a Class D felony conviction (for a crime committed before July 1,
 2 2014) or a Level 6 felony conviction (for a crime committed after June
 3 30, 2014).

4 SECTION 29. IC 35-50-6-3.3, AS AMENDED BY THE
 5 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL
 6 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 7 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3.3. (a) In addition to any educational credit a
 8 person earns under subsection (b), or good time credit a person earns
 9 under section 3 or 3.1 of this chapter, a person earns educational credit
 10 if the person:

11 (1) is in credit Class I, Class A, or Class B;
 12 (2) has demonstrated a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and
 13 (3) successfully completes requirements to obtain one (1) of the
 14 following:

15 (A) A general educational development (GED) diploma
 16 under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or IC 22-4.1-18, if the
 17 person has not previously obtained a high school diploma.
 18 (B) Except as provided in subsection (o), a high school
 19 diploma, if the person has not previously obtained a general
 20 educational development (GED) diploma.

21 (C) An associate degree from an approved postsecondary
 22 educational institution (as defined under IC 21-7-13-6(a))
 23 earned during the person's incarceration.

24 (D) A **bachelor** **bachelor's** degree from an approved
 25 postsecondary educational institution (as defined under
 26 IC 21-7-13-6(a)) earned during the person's incarceration.

27 (b) In addition to any educational credit that a person earns under
 28 subsection (a), or good time credit a person earns under section 3 or 3.1
 29 of this chapter, a person may earn educational credit if, while confined
 30 by the department of correction, the person:

31 (1) is in credit Class I, Class A, or Class B;
 32 (2) demonstrates a pattern consistent with rehabilitation; and
 33 (3) successfully completes requirements for at least one (1) of
 34 the following:

35 (A) To obtain a certificate of completion of a career and
 36 technical or vocational education program approved by the
 37 department of correction.

38 (B) To obtain a certificate of completion of a substance
 39 abuse program approved by the department of correction.

40 (C) To obtain a certificate of completion of a literacy and
 41 basic life skills program approved by the department of



correction.

- (D) To obtain a certificate of completion of a reformatory program approved by the department of correction.
- (E) An individualized case management plan approved by the department of correction.

(c) The department of correction shall establish admissions criteria and other requirements for programs available for earning educational credit under subsection (b). A person may not earn educational credit under this section for the same program of study. The department of correction, in consultation with the department of workforce development, shall approve a program only if the program is likely to lead to an employable occupation.

(d) The amount of educational credit a person may earn under this section is the following:

(1) Six (6) months for completion of a state of Indiana general educational development (GED) diploma under IC 20-20-6 (before its repeal) or IC 22-4.1-18.

(2) One (1) year for graduation from high school.

(3) Not more than one (1) year for completion of an associate degree.

(4) Not more than two (2) years for completion of a **bachelor** **bachelor's** degree.

(5) Not more than a total of one (1) year, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more career and technical or vocational education programs approved by the department of correction.

(6) Not more than a total of six (6) months, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs approved by the department of correction.

(7) Not more than a total of six (6) months, as determined by the department of correction, for the completion of one (1) or more literacy and basic life skills programs approved by the department of correction.

(8) Not more than a total of six (6) months, as determined by the department of correction, for completion of one (1) or more reformative programs approved by the department of correction. However, a person who is serving a sentence for an offense listed under IC 11-8-8-4.5 may not earn educational credit under this subdivision.

(9) An amount determined by the department of correction under

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1 a policy adopted by the department of correction concerning the
 2 individualized case management plan, not to exceed the
 3 maximum amount described in subsection (j).

4 However, a person who does not have a substance abuse problem that
 5 qualifies the person to earn educational credit in a substance abuse
 6 program may earn not more than a total of twelve (12) months of
 7 educational credit, as determined by the department of correction, for
 8 the completion of one (1) or more career and technical or vocational
 9 education programs approved by the department of correction. If a
 10 person earns more than six (6) months of educational credit for the
 11 completion of one (1) or more career and technical or vocational
 12 education programs, the person is ineligible to earn educational credit
 13 for the completion of one (1) or more substance abuse programs.

14 (e) Educational credit earned under this section must be directly
 15 proportional to the time served and course work completed while
 16 incarcerated. The department of correction shall adopt rules under
 17 IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this subsection.

18 (f) Educational credit earned by a person under this section is
 19 subtracted from the release date that would otherwise apply to the
 20 person by the sentencing court after subtracting all other credit time
 21 earned by the person.

22 (g) A person does not earn educational credit under subsection (a)
 23 unless the person completes at least a portion of the degree
 24 requirements after June 30, 1993.

25 (h) A person does not earn educational credit under subsection (b)
 26 unless the person completes at least a portion of the program
 27 requirements after June 30, 1999.

28 (i) Educational credit earned by a person under subsection (a) for
 29 a diploma or degree completed before July 1, 1999, shall be subtracted
 30 from:

31 (1) the release date that would otherwise apply to the person
 32 after subtracting all other credit time earned by the person, if the
 33 person has not been convicted of an offense described in
 34 subdivision (2); or

35 (2) the period of imprisonment imposed on the person by the
 36 sentencing court, if the person has been convicted of one (1) of
 37 the following crimes:

38 (A) Rape (IC 35-42-4-1).

39 (B) Criminal deviate conduct (IC 35-42-4-2) (before its
 40 repeal).

41 (C) Child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3).



- (D) Child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c)).
(IC 35-42-4-4).
- (E) Vicarious sexual gratification (IC 35-42-4-5).
- (F) Child solicitation (IC 35-42-4-6).
- (G) Child seduction (IC 35-42-4-7).
- (H) Sexual misconduct with a minor (IC 35-42-4-9) as a:
 - (i) Class A felony, Class B felony, or Class C felony for a crime committed before July 1, 2014; or
 - (ii) Level 1, Level 2, or Level 4 felony, for a crime committed after June 30, 2014.
- (I) Incest (IC 35-46-1-3).
- (J) Sexual battery (IC 35-42-4-8).
- (K) Kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.
- (L) Criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), if the victim is less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(j) The maximum amount of educational credit a person may earn under this section is the lesser of:

- (1) two (2) years; or
- (2) one-third (1/3) of the person's total applicable credit time.

(k) Educational credit earned under this section by an offender serving a sentence for stalking (IC 35-45-10-5), a felony against a person under IC 35-42, or for a crime listed in IC 11-8-8-5, shall be reduced to the extent that application of the educational credit would otherwise result in:

- (1) postconviction release (as defined in IC 35-40-4-6); or
- (2) assignment of the person to a community transition program; in less than forty-five (45) days after the person earns the educational credit.

(l) A person may earn educational credit for multiple degrees at the same education level under subsection (d) only in accordance with guidelines approved by the department of correction. The department of correction may approve guidelines for proper sequence of education degrees under subsection (d).

(m) A person may not earn educational credit:

- (1) for a general educational development (GED) diploma if the person has previously earned a high school diploma; or
- (2) for a high school diploma if the person has previously earned a general educational development (GED) diploma.

(n) A person may not earn educational credit under this section if the person:

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4 (2) is committed to the department of correction after being
5 convicted of the offense listed in IC 11-8-8-4.5.

6 (o) For a person to earn educational credit under subsection
7 (a)(3)(B) for successfully completing the requirements for a high
8 school diploma through correspondence courses, each correspondence
9 course must be approved by the department before the person begins
10 the correspondence course. The department may approve a
11 correspondence course only if the entity administering the course is
12 recognized and accredited by the department of education in the state
13 where the entity is located.

(p) The department of correction shall, before May 1, 2023, submit a report to the legislative council, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, concerning the implementation of the individualized case management plan. The report must include the following:

18 (1) The ratio of case management staff to offenders participating
19 in the individualized case management plan as of January 1,
20 2023.

(2) The average number of days awarded to offenders participating in the individualized case management plan from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

(3) The percentage of the prison population currently participating in an individualized case management plan as of January 1, 2023.

27 (4) Any other data points or information related to the status of
28 the implementation of the individualized case management plan.

29 This subsection expires June 30, 2023.

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