

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1357 # 1

DIGEST

Background checks. Provides that the department of child services may not require an employee to take a separate federally required background check within four years of the employee's most recent federally required background check to provide additional child welfare services.

- 1 Page 2, between lines 2 and 3, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 3. IC 31-27-2-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
3 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
4 1, 2026]: **Sec. 14. If an employee of a:**
5 **(1) child placing agency (as defined in IC 31-9-2-17.5);**
6 **(2) home based provider of family preservation services (as**
7 **defined in IC 31-9-2-44.8);**
8 **(3) child caring institution (as defined in IC 31-9-2-16.7);**
9 **(4) private secure facility (as defined in IC 31-9-2-96.5);**
10 **(5) group home (as defined in IC 31-9-2-48.5); or**
11 **(6) preventative provider;**
12 **has completed a federally required background check to provide**
13 **child welfare services, the department may not require the**
14 **employee to complete a separate background check for providing**
15 **additional child welfare services within four (4) years of the date**
16 **on which the employee's most recent federally required**
17 **background check to provide child welfare services was**
18 **completed."**
19 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1357 as printed January 14, 2026.)