



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Family and Children Services, to which was referred House Bill No. 1357, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

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**

- 1 **background check to provide child welfare services was**
- 2 **completed."**
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to HB 1357 as printed January 14, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

Senator Walker G, Chairperson