



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill No. 1389, 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, line 24, delete "person." and insert "**person, except for the**
2 **reasons set forth in IC 31-10-3.5-1.**"
- 3 Page 4, delete lines 38 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
4 insert:
- 5 "**(b) A governmental entity may consider whether a person**
6 **described in subsection (a) shares the same religion or faith**
7 **tradition as:**
- 8 **(1) a child when considering placement of the child to**
9 **prioritize the child's placement with a person of the same**
10 **religion or faith tradition; or**
- 11 **(2) the child's parent or parents when considering placement**
12 **of the child to prioritize the child's placement with a person**
13 **who shares the same religion or faith tradition of the parent**
14 **or parents of the child.**
- 15 **(c) A governmental entity may not discriminate against a person**
16 **described in subsection (a) unless the discriminatory act:**
- 17 **(1) as applied to the person described in subsection (a), is**
18 **required to advance a compelling governmental interest; and**
19 **(2) is the least restrictive means of advancing the**
20 **governmental interest."**

1 Page 5, between lines 16 and 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 **"Sec. 4. This chapter does not:**
3 **(1) prohibit the department from taking an action authorized**
4 **by state law to prevent child abuse or neglect as defined in**
5 **IC 31-9-2-14(c); or**
6 **(2) limit the department from enforcing licensing**
7 **requirements under IC 31-27 that are consistent with this**
8 **chapter."**

(Reference is to HB 1389 as printed January 27, 2026.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2.

Senator Carrasco, Chairperson