

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6221
BILL NUMBER: SB 15

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Foster Youth.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Walker K
FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Lopez

BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Child Services (DCS) to:
(1) create a statement called "The Foster Youth Bill of Rights", which is to summarize a foster youth's rights and responsibilities;
(2) update the statement periodically;
(3) distribute the statement to specified individuals; and
(4) publish the statement on the DCS's website.

It defines "foster youth" for purposes of the foster youth bill of rights. It also makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill's requirements are within the DCS's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented using existing staffing and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Child Services.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Department of Child Services, Bill of Rights for Youth in Care, https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/Indiana_DCS_Bill_of_Rights_for_Youth_in_Care.pdf;

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