

SENATE BILL No. 111

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-31.

Synopsis: Family access for youth in detention. Establishes minimum standards for resident visitation at a juvenile detention facility or juvenile detention center, subject to certain exceptions.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-31-8-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2026]: **Sec. 7. (a) Subject to subsection (d), a juvenile detention**
4 **facility shall do the following with respect to residents of the**
5 **detention facility:**

6 **(1) Offer a resident in-person contact visitation with:**

7 **(A) the resident's parent, guardian, or custodian;**

8 **(B) another person who:**

9 **(i) has a supportive relationship with the resident; and**

10 **(ii) has been approved for visitation with the resident by**
11 **a court; and**

12 **(C) the resident's own child.**

13 **(2) Allow a resident an in-person contact visit:**

14 **(A) at least two (2) times per week; and**

15 **(B) at least one (1) hour per visit;**

16 **unless the detention facility determines that extraordinary**
17 **conditions exist and that in-person contact visitation would**



place the safety or security of the resident or detention facility staff at risk.

(3) If the detention facility determines that the person identified in subdivision (1) cannot attend in-person contact visitation the resident prefers, for any reason, or in-person contact visitation cannot be safely accommodated under subdivision (2):

(A) document the reason and circumstances that prompted the detention facility's determination;

(B) if necessary, notify family or visitors of the resident that in-person contact visitation cannot be accommodated; and

(C) make reasonable efforts to arrange an alternative audiovisual visitation between the resident and any person identified in subdivision (1) at a reasonable time.

(4) Allow a resident to conduct a minimum of two (2) telephone calls each week with:

(A) the resident's parent, guardian, or custodian;

(B) another person who:

(i) has a supportive relationship with the resident; and

(ii) has been approved for visitation with the resident by a court; and

(C) the resident's own child.

A detention facility may not limit the length of a telephone call under this subdivision to less than ten (10) minutes.

(5) Provide notice to a resident, and the resident's family, of the schedule for:

(A) in-person contact visitation with the resident; and

(B) the resident's weekly telephone calls or audiovisual visits.

(6) Make reasonable efforts to allow visitation of residents on multiple days of the week, including both weekends and weekdays, and at times that are not limited to regular business hours.

(7) Subject to subsection (b), supervise visits with residents.

(b) A juvenile detention facility shall not do the following:

(1) Monitor conversations that take place during a resident's in-person contact visit, except when reasonable suspicion exists that a crime, escape, or threat to safety or security is likely to occur.

(2) Revoke or cancel a resident's in-person contact visitation under this section on the basis of the resident's behavior,



1 unless the resident's behavior interferes with the safe conduct
2 of a visit.

3 **(3) Charge the resident, visitors, or phone call recipients**
4 **directly or indirectly for any costs associated with providing**
5 **the visitation and telephone calls described in this section.**

6 **(c) If a juvenile detention facility determines that a safety risk**
7 **prevents an in-person contact visit from occurring, the detention**
8 **facility shall:**

9 **(1) document the reasons and circumstances that prompted**
10 **the detention facility's determination;**

11 **(2) notify the visitor of the revocation or cancellation of the**
12 **in-person contact visit;**

13 **(3) make reasonable efforts to reschedule the in-person**
14 **contact visit when the detention facility determines that the**
15 **visit no longer presents a safety risk; and**

16 **(4) make reasonable efforts to arrange an alternative**
17 **audiovisual visitation between the resident and persons**
18 **identified in subsection (a)(1) at a reasonable time.**

19 **(d) This section does not obligate a juvenile detention facility to**
20 **provide:**

21 **(1) transportation to; or**

22 **(2) electronic devices for;**

23 **a person identified in subsection (a)(1) who desires to visit a**
24 **resident.**

25 **(e) This section provides a minimum standard for juvenile**
26 **resident visitation at a juvenile detention facility and does not limit**
27 **a detention facility's ability to provide additional visitation**
28 **opportunities and behavioral incentives.**

29 **SECTION 2. IC 31-31-9-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2023,**
30 **SECTION 304, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
31 **[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The juvenile detention center**
32 **shall be operated in accordance with:**

33 **(1) rules adopted by the department of correction; and**

34 **(2) IC 31-31-8-7.**

35 **(b) The department of child services shall make an annual**
36 **inspection of the center and report to the advisory board whether the**
37 **center meets the requirements established by the Indiana department**
38 **of health for temporary detention centers. Any noncompliance with**
39 **those requirements must be stated in writing to the advisory board.**

