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## SENATE BILL No. 323

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DIGEST OF SB 323 (Updated February 20, 2019 10:55 am - DI 128)

**Citations Affected:** IC 31-14; IC 31-17.

**Synopsis:** Parenting time. Authorizes a court to require a parent to submit to drug testing as a condition of exercising parenting time rights if the court finds that: (1) the parent has a history of unlawful drug use within the previous five years; or (2) there is a reasonable likelihood that the parent is currently using unlawful drugs. Specifies that the parent shall pay the costs of the drug testing. Provides that, if a court grants parenting time to a person who has been convicted of: (1) child molesting; or (2) child exploitation; within the previous five years, the court shall order that the parenting time must be supervised.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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**Crider, Young M, Head, Lanane,  
Bohacek, Glick, Koch, Freeman,  
Buck, Rogers**

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January 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
February 21, 2019, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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## SENATE BILL No. 323

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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 31-14-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2016,  
2 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) A noncustodial parent is entitled to  
4 reasonable parenting time rights unless the court finds, after a hearing,  
5 that parenting time might:  
6 (1) endanger the child's physical health and well-being; or  
7 (2) significantly impair the child's emotional development.  
8 (b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the court  
9 in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time by the  
10 noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or  
11 significantly impair the child's emotional development.  
12 (c) In a hearing under subsection (a), there is a rebuttable  
13 presumption that a person who has been convicted of:  
14 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or  
15 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));  
16 might endanger the child's physical health and well-being or  
17 significantly impair the child's emotional development.

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1 (d) **Except as provided in subsection (e)**, if a court grants  
2 parenting time rights to a person who has been convicted of:

3 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or

4 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));

5 there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the child  
6 must be supervised.

7 (e) **If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has  
8 been convicted of:**

9 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or

10 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));

11 **within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the  
12 parenting time with the child must be supervised.**

13 ~~(e)~~ (f) The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview.  
14 If counsel is present:

15 (1) a record may be made of the interview; and

16 (2) the interview may be made part of the record for purposes of  
17 appeal.

18 SECTION 2. IC 31-17-2-21.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
19 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 21.8. (a) A court may require that  
21 a parent submit to drug testing as a condition of exercising the  
22 parent's parenting time if the court finds that:**

23 (1) the parent has a history of unlawful drug use within the  
24 previous five (5) years; or

25 (2) there is a reasonable likelihood that the parent is currently  
26 using unlawful drugs.

27 (b) **The court shall determine the manner and frequency of the  
28 drug testing.**

29 (c) **The parent shall pay the costs of the drug testing.**

30 SECTION 3. IC 31-17-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2005,  
31 SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
32 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) **Subject to subsections (d) and (e)**, a parent  
33 not granted custody of the child is entitled to reasonable parenting time  
34 rights unless the court finds, after a hearing, that parenting time by the  
35 noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or  
36 significantly impair the child's emotional development.

37 (b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the court  
38 in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time by the  
39 noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or  
40 significantly impair the child's emotional development.

41 (c) The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. If  
42 counsel is present:



- 1 (1) a record may be made of the interview; and
- 2 (2) the interview may be made part of the record for purposes of
- 3 appeal.
- 4 **(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a court grants**
- 5 **parenting time rights to a person who has been convicted of:**
- 6 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
- 7 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));
- 8 **there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the**
- 9 **child must be supervised.**
- 10 **(e) If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has**
- 11 **been convicted of:**
- 12 (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
- 13 (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));
- 14 **within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the**
- 15 **parenting time with the child must be supervised.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 323, 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:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 31-14-14-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.13-2016, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) A noncustodial parent is entitled to reasonable parenting time rights unless the court finds, after a hearing, that parenting time might:

- (1) endanger the child's physical health and well-being; or
- (2) significantly impair the child's emotional development.

(b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the court in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time by the noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

(c) In a hearing under subsection (a), there is a rebuttable presumption that a person who has been convicted of:

- (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
- (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));

might endanger the child's physical health and well-being or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

(d) **Except as provided in subsection (e)**, if a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been convicted of:

- (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or
- (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));

there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the child must be supervised.

**(e) If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been convicted of:**

- (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or**
- (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));**

**within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the parenting time with the child must be supervised.**

~~(e)~~ **(f)** The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. If counsel is present:

- (1) a record may be made of the interview; and
- (2) the interview may be made part of the record for purposes of appeal."



Page 1, after line 12, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 31-17-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.68-2005, SECTION 45, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 1. (a) **Subject to subsections (d) and (e)**, a parent not granted custody of the child is entitled to reasonable parenting time rights unless the court finds, after a hearing, that parenting time by the noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

(b) The court may interview the child in chambers to assist the court in determining the child's perception of whether parenting time by the noncustodial parent might endanger the child's physical health or significantly impair the child's emotional development.

(c) The court may permit counsel to be present at the interview. If counsel is present:

- (1) a record may be made of the interview; and
- (2) the interview may be made part of the record for purposes of appeal.

**(d) Except as provided in subsection (e), if a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been convicted of:**

- (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or**
- (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));**

**there is a rebuttable presumption that the parenting time with the child must be supervised.**

**(e) If a court grants parenting time rights to a person who has been convicted of:**

- (1) child molesting (IC 35-42-4-3); or**
- (2) child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4(b) or IC 35-42-4-4(c));**

**within the previous five (5) years, the court shall order that the parenting time with the child must be supervised."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 323 as introduced.)

HEAD, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

