

HOUSE BILL No. 1482

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-11-12.

Synopsis: Office of marriage promotion. Establishes the office of marriage promotion (office) and the office of marriage promotion fund. Provides that the goal of the office is to increase the number of children born to married parents and that the office shall promote the following ideas: (1) Children born to married parents are more likely to better develop academically and socially. (2) Children born to married parents are more likely to be physically and emotionally healthier. (3) Children born into single parent households are more likely to live in poverty, commit crimes, commit suicide, use illegal drugs and tobacco, drop out of school, be an unemployed adult, and be incarcerated.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Thompson

January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.



First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-11-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]:
4 **Chapter 12. Office of Marriage Promotion**
5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of**
6 **marriage promotion established by section 2 of this chapter.**
7 **Sec. 2. (a) The office of marriage promotion is established.**
8 **(b) The governor shall appoint a director who is responsible for**
9 **administering the office of marriage promotion. The director:**
10 **(1) serves at the governor's pleasure; and**
11 **(2) is entitled to compensation set by the budget agency.**
12 **Sec. 3. The director appointed under section 2 of this chapter**
13 **may employ necessary personnel to carry out the department's**
14 **responsibilities subject to:**
15 **(1) the budget agency's approval under IC 4-12-1-13; and**



- 1 **(2) IC 4-15-2.2.**
 2 **Sec. 4. The director appointed under section 2 of this chapter**
 3 **shall determine the best manner of organizing the department to**
 4 **provide the necessary services throughout Indiana to fulfill the**
 5 **purposes of this chapter.**
 6 **Sec. 5. (a) The goal of the office is to increase the number of**
 7 **children born to married parents.**
 8 **(b) The office shall promote the goal described in subsection (a)**
 9 **by promoting the following ideas:**
 10 **(1) Children born to married parents are more likely to better**
 11 **develop academically and socially.**
 12 **(2) Children born to married parents are more likely to be**
 13 **physically and emotionally healthier.**
 14 **(3) Children born into single parent households are more**
 15 **likely to live in poverty, commit crimes, commit suicide, use**
 16 **illegal drugs and tobacco, drop out of school, be an**
 17 **unemployed adult, and be incarcerated. Nothing in this**
 18 **subdivision is meant to diminish the amount of hard work**
 19 **that all parents experience in raising a child.**
 20 **Sec. 6. All programs, initiatives administered by state agencies,**
 21 **and contracts entered into with state agencies must be consistent**
 22 **with the goal and ideas described in section 5 of this chapter.**
 23 **Sec. 7. (a) The Indiana office of marriage promotion fund is**
 24 **established to support the office and the administrative budget of**
 25 **the office.**
 26 **(b) The fund consists of the following:**
 27 **(1) Appropriations from the general assembly from revenue**
 28 **sources determined by the general assembly and in an amount**
 29 **determined by the general assembly.**
 30 **(2) Donations to the fund from public or private sources.**
 31 **(3) Interest and dividends on assets of the fund.**
 32 **(4) Money transferred to the fund from other funds.**
 33 **(5) Money from other sources that the office may acquire.**

