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## HOUSE BILL No. 1441

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**Citations Affected:** IC 28-1; IC 34-30.

**Synopsis:** Bank accounts for qualified youth. Provides that a qualified youth is legally competent to enter into a contract with a depository financial institution to open a savings or checking account in the qualified youth's name with the consent of: (1) the department of child services; or (2) a juvenile court with jurisdiction over the qualified youth.

**Effective:** July 1, 2025.

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January 21, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Financial Institutions.  
February 4, 2025, amended, reported — Do Pass.  
February 6, 2025, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1441

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning financial institutions.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 28-1-1-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 3.7. For purposes of section 7 of this chapter,**  
4 **"emancipated youth" means an individual who is less than eighteen**  
5 **(18) years of age and has:**  
6 **(1) filed for; or**  
7 **(2) been granted;**  
8 **emancipation.**  
9 SECTION 2. IC 28-1-1-3.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
10 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
11 1, 2025]: **Sec. 3.9. For purposes of section 7 of this chapter, "foster**  
12 **youth" means an individual who is:**  
13 **(1) at least sixteen (16) years of age; and**  
14 **(2) in foster care (as defined in IC 31-9-2-46.7).**  
15 SECTION 3. IC 28-1-1-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
16 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
17 1, 2025]: **Sec. 7. For purposes of IC 28-1-23-17, "qualified youth"**

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means an individual who is:

- (1) a foster youth; or
- (2) an emancipated youth.

SECTION 4. IC 28-1-23-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 17. (a) A qualified youth is legally competent to enter into a contract with a depository financial institution to open a savings or checking account in the qualified youth's name with the consent of:

- (1) the department of child services; or
- (2) a juvenile court with jurisdiction over the qualified youth.

(b) A qualified youth who opens a savings or checking account under subsection (a) is:

- (1) solely responsible for paying all banking-related costs associated with the account; and
- (2) solely liable for any and all penalties assessed to the qualified youth as the account holder due to the qualified youth's violation of the terms of the account.

(c) A depository financial institution that contracts with a qualified youth under subsection (a) is immune from civil or criminal liability for entering into the contract with the qualified youth, unless entering into the contract constitutes, or is the result of:

- (1) gross negligence; or
- (2) willful or wanton misconduct;

on the part of the depository financial institution.

(d) If the department of child services or a juvenile court:

- (1) consents to a qualified youth entering into a contract with a depository financial institution under subsection (a); and
- (2) subsequently withdraws the consent on the basis of the qualified youth's age;

the validity of the contract is not affected by the withdrawal of the consent.

SECTION 5. IC 34-30-2.1-440.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 440.3. IC 28-1-23-17 (Concerning a depository financial institution that contracts with a qualified youth).



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Financial Institutions, to which was referred House Bill 1441, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "IC 28-1-20-5.5" and insert "**IC 28-1-23-17**".

Page 1, line 7, delete "IC 28-1-20-5.5" and insert "IC 28-1-23-17".

Page 1, line 9, delete "5.5." and insert "**17**".

Page 1, line 10, delete "bank or trust company" and insert "**depository financial institution**".

Page 2, line 4, delete "bank or trust company" and insert "**depository financial institution**".

Page 2, line 10, delete "bank or trust company" and insert "**depository financial institution**".

Page 2, line 13, delete "bank or trust company" and insert "**depository financial institution**".

Page 2, line 20, delete "IC 28-1-20-5.5" and insert "**IC 28-1-23-17**".

Page 2, line 21, delete "bank or trust company" and insert "**depository financial institution**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1441 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 13, nays 0.

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 HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1441 be amended to read as follows:

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

"SECTION 1. IC 28-1-1-3.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 3.7. For purposes of section 7 of this chapter, "emancipated youth" means an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and has:**

**(1) filed for; or**

**(2) been granted;**

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**emancipation."**

Page 1, line 3, delete "IC 28-1-23-17," and insert "**section 7 of this chapter,**".

Page 1, between lines 6 and 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 28-1-1-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 7. For purposes of IC 28-1-23-17, "qualified youth" means an individual who is:**

**(1) a foster youth; or**

**(2) an emancipated youth."**

Page 1, line 9, delete "foster youth" and insert "**qualified youth**".

Page 1, line 11, delete "foster youth's" and insert "**qualified youth's**".

Page 1, line 14, delete "foster youth" and insert "**qualified youth**".

Page 1, line 15, delete "foster youth" and insert "**qualified youth**".

Page 2, line 2, delete "foster" and insert "**qualified**".

Page 2, line 3, delete "foster youth's" and insert "**qualified youth's**".

Page 2, line 5, delete "foster" and insert "**qualified**".

Page 2, line 7, delete "foster youth" and insert "**qualified youth**".

Page 2, line 13, delete "foster youth" and insert "**qualified youth**".

Page 2, line 16, delete "foster youth's" and insert "**qualified youth's**".

Page 2, line 22, delete "foster" and insert "**qualified**".

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1441 as printed February 4, 2025.)

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