

IC 31-31-5

Chapter 5. Juvenile Court Probation Officers

IC 31-31-5-1

Appointment of probation officers and other employees

Sec. 1. The judge of the juvenile court shall appoint a chief probation officer and may appoint other probation officers and an appropriate number of other employees to assist the probation department.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.14.

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Compensation; travel expenses

Sec. 2. (a) The salary of a probation officer shall be fixed by the county fiscal body in accordance with the salary schedule adopted by the county fiscal body under IC 36-2-16.5. The salary of a probation officer shall be paid by the county.

(b) Subject to the approval of the county fiscal body, the judge shall fix and the county shall pay the salaries of juvenile court employees other than probation officers.

(c) In addition to their annual salary, probation officers shall be reimbursed for any necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the law governing state officers and employees.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.277-2003, SEC.3.

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Duties of chief probation officer

Sec. 3. The chief probation officer, under the direction of the juvenile court, shall supervise the work of the probation department.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.14.

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Duties of probation officers

Sec. 4. A probation officer shall, for the purpose of carrying out the juvenile law:

- (1) conduct such investigations and prepare such reports and recommendations as the court directs and keep a written record of those investigations, reports, and recommendations;
- (2) receive and examine complaints and allegations concerning matters covered by the juvenile law and make preliminary inquiries and investigations;
- (3) implement informal adjustments;
- (4) prepare and submit the predisposition report required for a dispositional hearing under the juvenile law;
- (5) supervise and assist by all suitable methods a child placed on probation or in the probation officer's care by order of the court or other legal authority;
- (6) keep complete records of the probation officer's work and comply with any order of the court concerning the collection,

protection, and distribution of any money or other property coming into the probation officer's hands; and

(7) perform such other functions as are designated by the juvenile law or by the court in accordance with the juvenile law.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.14.

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Enforcement powers

Sec. 5. Except for carrying a handgun as authorized under IC 11-13-1-3.5, a probation officer does not have the powers of a law enforcement officer.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.45-2001, SEC.4.