

IC 31-14-10

Chapter 10. Hearing to Determine Support, Custody, and Parenting Time Following Determination of Paternity

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Hearing to determine support, custody, and parenting time following initial determination of paternity; order to probation officer to prepare report

Sec. 1. Upon finding that a man is the child's biological father, the court shall, in the initial determination, conduct a hearing to determine the issues of support, custody, and parenting time. Upon the request of any party or on the court's own motion, the court may order a probation officer to prepare a report to assist the court in determining these matters.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.68-2005, SEC.15; P.L.146-2008, SEC.555.

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Consultation with probation officer; referral of child for evaluation

Sec. 2. The probation officer may do the following:

- (1) Consult with any person who may have information about the child and the child's potential custodial arrangements.
- (2) Upon approval of the court, refer the child for professional diagnosis and evaluation.
- (3) Without consent from the child's parent or guardian, consult with and obtain information concerning the child from:
 - (A) medical;
 - (B) psychiatric;
 - (C) psychological; or
 - (D) other;

persons who have knowledge of the child.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.146-2008, SEC.556.

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Findings and orders without hearing

Sec. 3. The court may make findings and orders without holding the hearing required by section 1 of this chapter if:

- (1) the mother and the alleged father execute and file with the court a verified written stipulation; or
- (2) the parties have filed a joint petition;

resolving the issues of custody, child support, and parenting time. The court shall incorporate provisions of the written stipulation or joint petition into orders entered under this section.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.68-2005, SEC.16.