

STATUTE – **There is no juvenile safekeeper statute**

- IC 35-33-11-1 Inmate in county jail in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death or represents substantial threat to safety of others (**refers to adult**)
- IC 35-33-11-3 Overcrowding or inadequacy of local penal facility (**refers to adult**)
- IC 35-33-11-5 Transportation to and from facilities; payment of costs by county (**refers to adult**)
- IC 35-33-11-4 Return to county jail (**refers to adult**)
- Policy 03-02-104 DYS Safekeeper Policy

**JUVENILE SAFEKEEPER GUIDELINES**

- DOC will:  
work collaboratively with counties to connect counties to potential resources throughout the state.  
Connect counties to detention centers; Assist with guidance regarding orders received  
Provide education to jails, courts and judges on DOC procedures

**Counties must:**

- Demonstrate the exhaustion of local options before submitting safe keeper request to Division of Youth Services. In mental health situations this will include speaking with local gatekeepers of the community mental health hospital with or through FSSA
- Disclose level of offense, charging information, potential behavioral concerns, and all available documentation to DOC to assist in a safe keeper review and quality transition of care.
- Fill out the DYS Intake sheet located on the IDOC/DYS webpage in order to provide information on medical and mental health concerns.
- Provide a Court Order for placement prior to Intake that states the youth is being held as a Safekeeper with IDOC/DYS
- Provide DYS with drug screen results if/when required – we will not accept a youth under the influence of alcohol or drugs without being cleared by a hospital
- Have the youth's parent or custodian sign the consent form that is located on the DYS website (and then bring that with the youth or submit it to DYS within 5 business days)

**Charging county is responsible:**

- For per diem, medical expenses, and transportation costs for the juvenile offender per IC 35-33-11-5. (**extraneous expenses will be billed outside of the medical vender contract**).
- Per diem of \$135
- Counties are responsible for transportation to and from county to DYS facility. If a youth has to be moved to a hospital setting the County will provide hospital staff coverage.
- Upon the age of 18, the juvenile will be removed from the IDOC/DYS facility per IC 35-33-11-4. (This is for waived youth only).

NOTES:

DYS facilities are not detention centers, the difference is that they do not have 24 hour intake, while it is possible that a youth may be admitted after hours there should be no expectation for that to happen.

**DYS will not accept a youth as a safekeeper only due to mental health reasons.**

Females – all housed at LaPorte Juvenile

Non-waived males – housed at Logansport Juvenile

Waived males – housed at Pendleton Juvenile

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