

SENATE BILL No. 458

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Volunteer advocates pilot program. Requires the office of the secretary of family and social services to choose nine counties to develop a pilot program to recruit and train volunteers to serve as advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities who are involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the Indiana criminal justice system as suspects or defendants or who are otherwise endangered and have no parent or legal guardian. Requires the office to contract with a private individual or organization to provide training to the counties chosen to participate. Appropriates \$650,000 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, and \$650,000 beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, to implement the program. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana commission on mental retardation and developmental disabilities.)

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 18, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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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 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) As used in this
- 2 SECTION, "endangered individual" means an individual who:
- 3 (1) has been diagnosed with a developmental disability (as
- 4 defined in IC 12-7-2-61); and
- 5 (2) is:
- 6 (A) involved in the Indiana criminal justice system as a
- 7 suspect or defendant;
- 8 (B) at risk of becoming involved in the Indiana criminal
- 9 justice system as a suspect or defendant; or
- 10 (C) otherwise endangered and without a parent or legal
- 11 guardian.
- 12 (b) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the
- 13 secretary of family and social services established by IC 12-8-1-1.
- 14 (c) The office shall accept applications from counties that wish
- 15 to establish a program to recruit and train volunteers to serve as
- 16 advocates for endangered individuals.
- 17 (d) The office shall select nine (9) counties from the applicants



1 under subsection (c) to receive grants from the office to establish
 2 a volunteer advocate program as described in this SECTION. The
 3 counties selected for these grants must be from various regions of
 4 Indiana.

5 (e) The office shall contract with a private individual or
 6 organization to provide training to the counties selected under
 7 subsection (d) concerning establishing a volunteer advocate
 8 program.

9 (f) A county program established under this SECTION must
 10 involve the participation of:

- 11 (1) the local court system;
- 12 (2) local law enforcement agencies;
- 13 (3) advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- 14 and
- 15 (4) individuals and organizations that provide services to
 16 individuals with developmental disabilities.

17 (g) A county that participates in a program established under
 18 this SECTION shall assist in providing training to any county that
 19 may establish a similar program in the future.

20 (h) There is appropriated to the office from the state general
 21 fund:

- 22 (1) six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) beginning
 23 July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002; and
- 24 (2) six hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) beginning
 25 July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003;

26 to implement this SECTION.

27 (i) The money appropriated by this SECTION:

- 28 (1) is in addition to any other funds appropriated to the office;
- 29 and
- 30 (2) does not revert to the state general fund at the close of any
 31 state fiscal year but remains available to the office until the
 32 purpose for which it was appropriated is fulfilled.

33 (j) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.

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