
SENATE BILL No. 139

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-38-4-8.

Synopsis: Birth defects registry. Requires the state department of health to: (1) inform parents of children with birth problems about physicians and local community resources; (2) implement an education program to assist specified individuals in reporting birth problems; (3) review the birth records of a newborn with birth problems to verify the accuracy of the information; and (4) consult with specified persons to analyze collected birth problems data to implement policies concerning identification and prevention of birth problems. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the health finance commission.)

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 7, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-38-4-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.93-2001,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 8. (a) The state department shall establish a birth
4 problems registry for the purpose of recording all cases of birth
5 problems that occur in Indiana residents and compiling necessary and
6 appropriate information concerning those cases, as determined by the
7 state department, in order to:

- 8 (1) conduct epidemiologic and environmental studies and to apply
9 appropriate preventive and control measures;
- 10 (2) inform the parents of children with birth problems at the time
11 of discharge from the hospital about **physicians**, care facilities
12 and appropriate community resources, **including local step
13 ahead agencies and the infants and toddlers with disabilities
14 program (IC 12-17-15)**; or
- 15 (3) inform citizens regarding programs designed to prevent or
16 reduce birth problems.

17 (b) The state department shall record in the birth problems registry:



- 1 (1) all data concerning birth problems of children that are
 2 provided from the certificate of live birth; and
 3 (2) any additional information that may be provided by an
 4 individual or entity described in section 7(a)(2) of this chapter
 5 concerning a birth problem that is:
 6 (A) designated in a rule adopted by the state department; and
 7 (B) recognized:
 8 (i) after the child is discharged from the hospital as a
 9 newborn; and
 10 (ii) before the child is two (2) years of age.
 11 (c) The state department shall:
 12 (1) provide a physician and a local health department with
 13 necessary forms for reporting under this chapter; **and**
 14 (2) **develop and implement an education program to assist an**
 15 **individual or entity described in section 7(a)(2) of this chapter**
 16 **in complying with this chapter.**
 17 (d) The state department shall:
 18 (1) **review the birth records of a newborn reported to have a**
 19 **birth problem to verify the accuracy of information reported**
 20 **under this chapter; and**
 21 (2) **consult with:**
 22 (A) **an epidemiologist with expertise regarding birth**
 23 **problems;**
 24 (B) **appropriate state and local agencies;**
 25 (C) **academic institutions;**
 26 (D) **advocacy groups;**
 27 (E) **health care providers; and**
 28 (F) **other interested parties;**
 29 **to analyze birth problems data collected under this chapter to**
 30 **develop and implement policies concerning identification and**
 31 **prevention of birth problems.**

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