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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 139

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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

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

(1) conduct epidemiologic and environmental studies and to apply appropriate preventive and control measures;

(2) inform the parents of children with birth problems:

(A) at the time of discharge from the hospital; **or**

(B) if a birth problem is diagnosed during a physician or hospital visit that occurs before the child is two (2) years of age, at the time of diagnosis;

about **physicians**, care facilities and appropriate community resources, **including local step ahead agencies and the infants and toddlers with disabilities program (IC 12-17-15);** or

(3) inform citizens regarding programs designed to prevent or reduce birth problems.

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

(1) all data concerning birth problems of children that are provided from the certificate of live birth; and

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(2) any additional information that may be provided by an individual or entity described in section 7(a)(2) of this chapter concerning a birth problem that is:

(A) designated in a rule adopted by the state department; and

(B) recognized:

(i) after the child is discharged from the hospital as a newborn; and

(ii) before the child is two (2) years of age.

(c) The state department shall:

(1) provide a physician and a local health department with necessary forms for reporting under this chapter; and

(2) report to the legislative council any birth problem trends that are identified through the data collected under this chapter.

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President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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