
SENATE BILL No. 239

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-346.5; IC 16-41-41.

Synopsis: Stroke prevention task force. Establishes the stroke prevention task force to develop stroke prevention initiatives. Requires the task force to annually submit a report to the governor and the commissioner of the state department of health.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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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.

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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 16-18-2-346.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 346.5. "Task force", for purposes**
4 **of IC 16-41-41, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-41-1.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-41 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2003]:

8 **Chapter 41. Stroke Prevention Task Force**
9 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "task force" refers to the stroke**
10 **prevention task force established by section 2 of this chapter.**

11 **Sec. 2. The stroke prevention task force is established.**

12 **Sec. 3. (a) The task force consists of nine (9) members as follows:**

13 **(1) Two (2) representatives of a stroke support organization.**

14 **(2) Four (4) individuals with expertise in stroke, including at**
15 **least:**

16 **(A) one (1) physician with an unlimited license to practice**
17 **medicine under IC 25-22.5; and**



- 1 **(B) one (1) psychologist with a license to practice**
 2 **psychology under IC 25-33.**
 3 **(3) One (1) health care provider (as defined in 16-18-2-163)**
 4 **that provides services to persons who have had a stroke.**
 5 **(4) The commissioner of the state department or the**
 6 **commissioner's designee.**
 7 **(5) The secretary of family and social services or the**
 8 **secretary's designee.**
 9 **(b) The members of the task force designated by subsection**
 10 **(a)(1) through (a)(3) shall be appointed by the governor.**
 11 **Sec. 4. Each member of the task force serves a term of four (4)**
 12 **years. A member appointed to fill a vacancy holds office for the**
 13 **remainder of the unexpired term.**
 14 **Sec. 5. Five (5) members of the task force constitute a quorum**
 15 **for transacting all business of the task force.**
 16 **Sec. 6. The task force shall elect by majority vote one (1) of its**
 17 **members as chairperson and one (1) of its members as vice**
 18 **chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson serve a term of**
 19 **one (1) year.**
 20 **Sec. 7. The task force shall meet at least quarterly.**
 21 **Sec. 8. The state department shall provide staff for the task**
 22 **force.**
 23 **Sec. 9. (a) Each member of the task force who is not a state**
 24 **employee is not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided**
 25 **by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is, however, entitled to**
 26 **reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
 27 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
 28 **with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and**
 29 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 30 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
 31 **(b) Each member of the task force who is a state employee is**
 32 **entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under**
 33 **IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection**
 34 **with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and**
 35 **procedures established by the Indiana department of**
 36 **administration and approved by the budget agency.**
 37 **(c) The compensation and expenses of the task force members**
 38 **and the expenses of the task force shall be paid out of the state**
 39 **general fund.**
 40 **Sec. 10. The task force shall do the following:**
 41 **(1) Develop and implement a comprehensive statewide public**
 42 **education program on stroke prevention, targeted to high risk**

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- 1 **populations and to geographic areas where there is a high**
- 2 **incidence of stroke.**
- 3 **(2) Recommend and disseminate guidelines on the treatment**
- 4 **of stroke patients, including emergency stroke care.**
- 5 **(3) Ensure that the public and health care providers are**
- 6 **informed regarding the most effective strategies for stroke**
- 7 **prevention.**
- 8 **(4) Advise the state department on awarding grants to**
- 9 **providers of emergency medical services and to hospitals for**
- 10 **the purpose of improving care to stroke patients.**
- 11 **(5) Prepare a report each year on the operation of the task**
- 12 **force and provide the report to the following:**
- 13 **(A) The governor.**
- 14 **(B) The commissioner of the state department.**

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