

SENATE BILL No. 387

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-19-14.

Synopsis: Office of minority health. Establishes the office of minority health within the state department of health.

Effective: July 1, 2010.

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January 12, 2010, 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 2009 Regular and Special Sessions of the General Assembly.

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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 16-18-2-96, AS AMENDED BY P.L.22-2005,
2 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 96. (a) "Director", for purposes of IC 16-19-13,
4 refers to the director of the office of women's health established by
5 ~~IC 16-19-13.~~ **IC 16-19-13-2.**

6 **(b) "Director", for purposes of IC 16-19-14, refers to the**
7 **director of the office of minority health established by**
8 **IC 16-19-14-4.**

9 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Director", for purposes of IC 16-27, means the individual
10 acting under the authority of and assigned the responsibility by the state
11 health commissioner to implement IC 16-27.

12 ~~(c)~~ (d) "Director", for purposes of IC 16-28, IC 16-29, and IC 16-30,
13 means the individual acting under the authority of and assigned the
14 responsibility by the state health commissioner to implement IC 16-28,
15 IC 16-29, and IC 16-30.

16 ~~(d)~~ (e) "Director", for purposes of IC 16-31, refers to the executive
17 director of the department of homeland security established by



1 IC 10-19-2-1.
 2 ~~(e)~~ (f) "Director", for purposes of IC 16-35-2, refers to the director
 3 of the program for children with special health care needs.
 4 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-236 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 236. (a) "Minority",
 6 for purposes of IC 16-19-14, has the meaning set forth in
 7 IC 16-19-14-2.
 8 (b) "Minority", for purposes of IC 16-46-6, has the meaning set forth
 9 in IC 16-46-6-2.
 10 SECTION 3. IC 16-18-2-254.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 254.5. (a) "Office", for
 12 purposes of IC 16-19-13, refers to the office of women's health
 13 established by ~~IC 16-19-13~~: IC 16-19-13-2.
 14 (b) "Office", for purposes of IC 16-19-14, refers to the office of
 15 minority health established by IC 16-19-14-4.
 16 SECTION 4. IC 16-19-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 18 1, 2010]:
 19 Chapter 14. Office of Minority Health
 20 Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director
 21 of the office.
 22 Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "minority" means an individual
 23 identified as any of the following:
 24 (1) Black or African-American.
 25 (2) Hispanic or Latino.
 26 (3) Asian.
 27 (4) American Indian.
 28 (5) Alaska Native.
 29 (6) Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander.
 30 Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of
 31 minority health established by this chapter.
 32 Sec. 4. The office of minority health is established within the
 33 state department.
 34 Sec. 5. The office is established for the following purposes:
 35 (1) To educate and advocate for minority health by requesting
 36 that the state department, either on its own or in partnership
 37 with other entities, establish appropriate forums, programs,
 38 or initiatives designed to educate the public regarding
 39 minority health, with an emphasis on eliminating health
 40 disparities and promoting culturally competent and
 41 linguistically appropriate health care delivery.
 42 (2) To assist the state health commissioner in identifying,

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coordinating, and establishing priorities for policies, programs, services, and resources that should be provided for minority health issues and concerns.

(3) To serve as a clearinghouse and resource for information regarding minority health data, strategies, services, and programs that address minority health issues, including the following:

- (A) Identify and study the special health care needs and health problems of minorities.**
- (B) Examine the factors and conditions that affect the health of minorities.**
- (C) Examine the health care services available to minorities in the public and private sector and determine the extent to which these services meet the needs of minorities.**
- (D) Study the state and federal laws concerning the health needs of minorities.**
- (E) Examine the coordination of services to minorities and recommend improvements in the delivery of services.**
- (F) Examine funding sources for minority health care.**
- (G) Examine impact of the following on minorities and recommend preventive measures concerning the leading causes of death or injury among minorities, including the following:**
 - (i) Heart disease.**
 - (ii) Stroke.**
 - (iii) Cancer.**
 - (iv) Intentional injuries.**
 - (v) Accidental death and injury.**
 - (vi) Cirrhosis.**
 - (vii) Diabetes.**
 - (viii) Infant mortality.**
 - (ix) HIV and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).**
 - (x) Mental health.**
 - (xi) Substance abuse.**
 - (xii) Adolescent pregnancy.**
 - (xiii) Sexually transmitted and other communicable diseases.**
 - (xiv) Lead poisoning.**
 - (xv) Long term disability and aging.**
 - (xvi) Sickle cell anemia.**

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- (H) Monitor the Indiana minority health initiatives listed under IC 16-46-11 and other public policies that affect the health status of minorities.**
- (4) To support the Indiana Minority Health Coalition Racial and Ethnic Resource Center by collecting, classifying, and analyzing relevant research information and data conducted or compiled by the state department.**
- (5) Develop and recommend funding and program activities for educating the public on minority health initiatives, including the following:**
 - (A) Increase equity for all minorities.**
 - (B) Special health concerns of minorities.**
 - (C) The leading causes of morbidity and mortality for minorities.**
- (6) To make recommendations to the state health commissioner regarding programs that address minority health issues for inclusion in the state department's biennial budget and strategic planning.**
- (7) To seek funding from private or governmental entities to carry out the purposes of this chapter.**
- (8) To prepare materials for publication and dissemination to the public on minority health.**
- (9) To conduct public educational forums in Indiana to raise public awareness and to educate citizens about minority health programs, issues, and services.**
- (10) To coordinate with other entities in the activities and programs of the office that focus on minority health or issues that affect the well-being of minorities.**
- (11) Represent the state health commissioner, upon request, before the general assembly.**

Sec. 6. (a) The state health commissioner shall appoint individuals to staff the office, including:

- (1) the director of the office; and**
- (2) any other employees that the state health commissioner determines are necessary.**

(b) The employees appointed under subsection (a)(2) shall report to the director. The director shall report to the state health commissioner.

(c) The director shall supervise the employees assigned to the office.

(d) The director shall oversee the administrative functions of the office.

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