

HOUSE BILL No. 1007

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2; IC 16-46-16.5.

Synopsis: State health grant program. Establishes the prevention and addressing of health issues and challenges grant program (grant program). Establishes the prevention and addressing of health issues and challenges grant fund. Requires the state department of health to administer the grant program. Provides requirements for grant proposals. Requires the state department of health to give preference in awarding the grants based on specified criteria. Requires the management performance hub to prepare information related to the grant program.

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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 16-18-2-153.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: **Sec. 153.7. "Grant program", for**
4 **purposes of IC 16-46-16.5, has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 16-46-16.5-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-274 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 274. (a) "Person"
8 means, except as provided in subsections (b), (c), ~~and~~ (d), **and (e)**, an
9 individual, a firm, a partnership, an association, a fiduciary, an
10 executor or administrator, a governmental entity, or a corporation.

11 (b) "Person", for purposes of IC 16-25, has the meaning set forth in
12 IC 16-25-1.1-8.

13 (c) "Person", for purposes of IC 16-31, means an individual, a
14 partnership, a corporation, an association, a joint stock association, or
15 a governmental entity other than an agency or instrumentality of the
16 United States.

17 (d) "Person", for purposes of IC 16-42-10, has the meaning set forth



1 in IC 16-42-10-3.

2 (e) "Person", for purposes of IC 16-46-16.5, has the meaning set
3 forth in IC 16-46-16.5-2.

4 SECTION 3. IC 16-46-16.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
5 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
6 JULY 1, 2021]:

7 **Chapter 16.5. Health Issues and Challenges Grant Program**

8 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "grant program" refers to the
9 prevention and addressing of health issues and challenges grant
10 program established by section 3 of this chapter.

11 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "person" means an individual,
12 employer, employer association, nonprofit organization, for-profit
13 organization, municipality (as defined in IC 36-1-2-11), school
14 corporation, charter school, accredited nonpublic school, research
15 institution, health insurance plan, health insurance ministry, or
16 any combination of these.

17 **Sec. 3.** The prevention and addressing of health issues and
18 challenges grant program is established to provide grants to
19 eligible entities across the state. The state department shall
20 administer the program.

21 **Sec. 4. (a)** The prevention and addressing of health issues and
22 challenges grant fund is established for the purpose of distributing
23 money for the grant program. The fund shall be administered by
24 the state department.

25 **(b)** The fund consists of:

26 (1) money appropriated for the program or to the fund by the
27 general assembly;

28 (2) money received from state or federal grants or programs;
29 and

30 (3) gifts, money, and donations received from any other
31 source, including transfers from other funds or accounts.

32 **(c)** The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from
33 money in the fund.

34 **(d)** The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not
35 currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same
36 manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that
37 accrues from the investments shall be deposited in the fund.

38 **(e)** Money in the fund at the end of the state fiscal year does not
39 revert to the state general fund or to any other fund in the case of
40 an appropriation made to the program from a fund other than the
41 state general fund. In addition, if there is an appropriation for the
42 program for a state fiscal year, the money appropriated shall be



1 transferred to the fund at the beginning of the state fiscal year for
2 which the appropriation is made.

3 **Sec. 5. (a) A person seeking a grant under this chapter must**
4 **submit a proposal to the state department.**

5 **(b) A proposal for a grant under this chapter must include the**
6 **following:**

7 **(1) Proposed measurable and specific improvement in one (1)**
8 **or more critical health metrics within a defined cohort. The**
9 **cohort may be defined by any health, demographic, or**
10 **geographic criteria, or any combination of these. However, a**
11 **cohort defined using demographic criteria may include**
12 **criteria based on employment in a particular industry or**
13 **having particular job duties.**

14 **(2) The time frame in which to achieve the proposed**
15 **measurable improvement or improvements described in**
16 **subdivision (1). However, the time frame in which an initial**
17 **proposed measurable improvement is achieved may not be**
18 **more than one (1) year.**

19 **Sec. 6. In awarding grants under this chapter, the state**
20 **department shall give preference to proposals that seek to do any**
21 **of the following:**

22 **(1) Focus on chronic health problems.**

23 **(2) Involve a combination of persons working in coordination**
24 **to achieve a measurable health outcome or outcomes.**

25 **(3) Leverage additional resources, including any private or**
26 **philanthropic resources.**

27 **(4) Demonstrate creative and evidence based methods of**
28 **achieving the measurable health outcome or outcomes using**
29 **voluntary behavioral theories in public health prevention or**
30 **intervention.**

31 **Sec. 7. (a) The state department shall determine whether to**
32 **award a grant under this chapter.**

33 **(b) Subject to subsection (c), if the state department approves a**
34 **proposal:**

35 **(1) the initial grant amount awarded shall not exceed**
36 **eighty-five percent (85%); or**

37 **(2) if the proposal approved by the state department will**
38 **supplement a health initiative that currently receives partial**
39 **funding from another source, including a Medicaid provider,**
40 **the initial grant amount awarded shall not exceed seventy-five**
41 **percent (75%);**

42 **of the total grant amount approved for the proposal. The state**



1 department shall distribute the remaining amount of the approved
2 grant to the grantee when the state department determines that the
3 grantee has achieved the outcome or outcomes in the grant
4 proposal.

5 (c) The state department of health may distribute the initial
6 award amounts described in subsection (b)(1) and (b)(2) over the
7 course of the project that is the subject of the proposal based on
8 achieved objectives.

9 Sec. 8. The management performance hub established by
10 IC 4-3-26-8 shall prepare and make available to the state health
11 commissioner and the public any information that may assist in the
12 identification, planning, and execution of grant proposals
13 developed for the purposes of the grant program.

14 Sec. 9. The state department may adopt necessary rules under
15 IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

