

HOUSE BILL No. 1028

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 11-10-12-5.8.

Synopsis: Mental health care of released inmates. Provides that the department of correction shall: (1) assist a committed offender with a mental illness in scheduling a visit with a physician or psychiatrist for evaluation not later than 30 days after the offender's expected release date or discharge date, whichever is applicable; and (2) provide an offender with a sufficient supply of the drug or medication being prescribed for the offender by the offender's mental health treatment provider at the time of the offender's release or discharge for use until the offender can be initially evaluated by a physician or psychiatrist after release or discharge.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

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 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 11-10-12-5.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 5.8. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"committed offender with a mental illness" means an offender who**
5 **is determined to be mentally ill by a provider.**
6 **(b) As used in this section, "physician" means an individual who**
7 **is licensed to practice medicine in Indiana under IC 25-22.5.**
8 **(c) As used in this section, "provider" means a physician or a**
9 **psychiatrist who is employed or retained by the department and**
10 **provides mental health treatment to offenders.**
11 **(d) As used in this section, "psychiatrist" has the meaning set**
12 **forth in IC 11-10-3-1.**
13 **(e) The department shall assist a committed offender with a**
14 **mental illness in scheduling a visit with a physician or a**
15 **psychiatrist for evaluation not later than thirty (30) days after the**
16 **offender's expected release date or discharge date, whichever is**
17 **applicable.**



1 **(f) The department shall provide an offender described in**
2 **subsection (e) with a sufficient supply of the drug or medication**
3 **being prescribed for the offender by the offender's provider at the**
4 **time of the offender's release or discharge for use until the offender**
5 **can be initially evaluated by a physician or a psychiatrist after**
6 **release or discharge.**

