

HOUSE BILL No. 1129

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-28-2-13.3.

Synopsis: Health facility staff ratios. Provides that each health facility and residential care facility shall post on the facility's public website the minimum ratio of direct patient care staff to residents in the facility. Requires that the information must specify the minimum ratio for each employee classification that provides direct patient care. Provides that the website address to access the facility's information must be provided annually and upon admission to the facility to the resident, resident's guardian, and resident's health care representative. Allows the Indiana department of health to receive the information.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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.

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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 16-28-2-13.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 13.3. (a) Each health facility,**
4 **including a health facility licensed as a comprehensive care facility,**
5 **and each residential care facility shall post on the facility's public**
6 **website the minimum ratio of direct patient care staff to residents**
7 **in the facility. The information must specify the minimum ratio for**
8 **each employee classification that provides direct patient care,**
9 **including the following:**
10 (1) **Licensed nurses.**
11 (2) **Certified nurse aides.**
12 (3) **Qualified medication aides.**
13 (4) **Dining assistants.**
14 (b) **Before January 15 of each year, the health facility and**
15 **residential care facility shall provide to a resident, resident's**
16 **guardian, and resident's health care representative the website**
17 **address to access the facility's information required in subsection**



- 1 **(a).**
- 2 **(c) Upon admission to a health facility or residential care**
- 3 **facility, the facility shall provide to a resident, resident's guardian,**
- 4 **and resident's health care representative the website address to**
- 5 **access the facility's information required in subsection (a).**
- 6 **(d) The information required to be posted under this section**
- 7 **must be for the current calendar year.**
- 8 **(e) The state department may require a health facility and**
- 9 **residential care facility to submit the information required under**
- 10 **subsection (a) to the state department.**

