

HOUSE BILL No. 1142

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-46-14.5.

Synopsis: Infant mortality collaborative. Establishes the infant mortality reduction collaborative (collaborative) to be staffed by the state department of health. Sets forth duties of the collaborative.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



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

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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 16-46-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2019]:
- 4 **Chapter 14.5. Infant Mortality Reduction Collaborative**
- 5 **Sec. 1. (a) The state department shall establish the infant**
- 6 **mortality reduction collaborative.**
- 7 **(b) The state department shall staff the collaborative.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. (a) The infant mortality reduction collaborative shall**
- 9 **consist of the following members:**
- 10 **(1) The commissioner, who shall be chairperson of the**
- 11 **collaborative.**
- 12 **(2) The president of the Indiana board of pharmacy.**
- 13 **(3) The director of the office of Medicaid policy and planning**
- 14 **or the director's designee.**
- 15 **(4) The director of the pharmacy section of the office of**
- 16 **Medicaid policy and planning.**
- 17 **(5) Two (2) individuals who are licensed physicians under**



1 IC 25-22.5 and who specialize in obstetrics and gynecology,
2 appointed by the governor.

3 (6) One (1) individual representing the pharmaceutical
4 industry, appointed by the governor.

5 (7) One (1) individual representing insurance providers,
6 appointed by the governor.

7 (8) One (1) individual representing the Riley Hospital for
8 Children at Indiana University Health, appointed by the
9 governor.

10 (9) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Minority
11 Health Coalition.

12 (10) One (1) individual representing the Indiana Institute for
13 Working Families.

14 (11) The director of the first steps program established under
15 IC 12-12.7-2.

16 (12) The:

17 (A) chairperson; and

18 (B) ranking minority member;

19 of the senate health and provider services standing committee.

20 (13) The:

21 (A) chairperson; and

22 (B) ranking minority member;

23 of the house public health standing committee.

24 (b) Each member of the collaborative who is a member of the
25 general assembly is a nonvoting member.

26 (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members
27 appointed to the collaborative are required for the collaborative to
28 take action on any measure.

29 (d) Each member of the collaborative who is not a state
30 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
31 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement
32 for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other
33 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties
34 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the
35 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget
36 agency.

37 (e) Each member of the collaborative who is a state employee
38 but who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to
39 reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under
40 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection
41 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and
42 procedures established by the Indiana department of



1 administration and approved by the budget agency.

2 (f) Each member of the collaborative who is a member of the
3 general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,
4 and travel allowance paid to legislative members of interim study
5 committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,
6 mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be
7 paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the
8 legislative services agency.

9 Sec. 3. The collaborative shall meet at least quarterly and be
10 open to the public in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5.

11 Sec. 4. (a) The collaborative shall study:

12 (1) maternal and infant health; and

13 (2) infant mortality rates;

14 in Indiana.

15 (b) The collaborative shall make recommendations of policy
16 initiatives or changes to decrease the infant mortality rate in
17 Indiana. The collaborative shall report annually to the general
18 assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 with any
19 recommendations to assist in decreasing Indiana's infant mortality
20 rate.

21 (c) In making recommendations, the collaborative may consult
22 with experts and review policies and actions taken in other states.

23 Sec. 5. The collaborative may apply for and expend grants or
24 other funding provided for the purpose of promoting maternal and
25 infant health in Indiana.

26 Sec. 6. This chapter expires December 31, 2021.

