

# HOUSE BILL No. 1256

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-41-7.5.

**Synopsis:** Syringe exchange program. Allows the state health commissioner to extend a syringe exchange program in a county or municipality where the commissioner has declared a public health emergency if certain conditions are met.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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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.

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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 16-41-7.5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.208-2015,  
2 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 4. (a) A qualified entity may operate a  
4 program only in a county where a:

- 5 (1) public health emergency has been declared **under section 11**
- 6 **of this chapter; or**
- 7 **(2) program has been extended under section 11.5 of this**
- 8 **chapter.**

9 However, a qualified entity may not operate a program outside of the  
10 jurisdictional area of the governmental body that approved the  
11 qualified entity.

12 (b) A qualified entity that meets the requirements in subsection (a)  
13 and complies with the requirements of this chapter may operate a  
14 program.

15 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-7.5-11.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
16 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
17 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 11.5. (a) If:**



1           **(1) the state health commissioner declared a public health**  
2           **emergency under section 11 of this chapter;**  
3           **(2) the executive body of the county or the legislative body of**  
4           **the municipality that requested the initial emergency**  
5           **declaration requests an extension of the program; and**  
6           **(3) the executive body of the county or the legislative body of**  
7           **the municipality submits information demonstrating that the**  
8           **program:**  
9               **(A) has been effective in controlling the epidemic of**  
10              **hepatitis C or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and**  
11              **(B) is necessary to continue to control hepatitis C or**  
12              **human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);**  
13           **the state health commissioner may extend the program for one (1)**  
14           **year.**  
15           **(b) This section does not prohibit the state health commissioner**  
16           **from granting additional extensions to a program that meets the**  
17           **requirements under subsection (a).**  
18           **SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.**

