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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1278

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

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

SECTION 1. IC 16-46-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017]:

Chapter 15. Strategic Plan to Reduce Cervical Cancer

Sec. 1. (a) The state department shall develop a strategic plan to identify and significantly reduce morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer.

(b) In developing the strategic plan under subsection (a), the state department shall collaborate with the following:

- (1) The office of the secretary of family and social services.**
- (2) The Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.**
- (3) The University of Notre Dame Harper Research Institute.**
- (4) The Purdue University Center for Cancer Research.**

(c) The state department may establish workgroups to assist in the development of the strategic plan. The members of a workgroup may include the following:

- (1) Health care providers specializing in cervical cancer prevention, screening, treatment, or research.**
- (2) Physicians specializing in primary care, pediatrics, or obstetrics and gynecology.**
- (3) Health care providers who provide direct patient care.**

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- (4) Cancer epidemiologists.**
- (5) Representatives of a postsecondary educational institution that offers a baccalaureate or higher degree course of study that enables students to teach in Indiana upon graduation.**
- (6) Any medical, nursing, and dental school located in Indiana.**
- (7) Middle school, high school, or college level health instructors.**
- (8) Cervical cancer survivors.**
- (9) Representatives from geographic areas or other population groups at higher risk for cervical cancer.**
- (10) Public health advocates who work with cervical cancer.**
- (11) Representatives of community based and faith based organizations involved in providing education, awareness, or support relating to cervical cancer.**
- (12) Any other persons the state department determines are necessary.**

Sec. 2. In developing the strategic plan under section 1 of this chapter, the state department shall:

- (1) identify barriers to effective prevention, screening, and treatment for cervical cancer, including specific barriers affecting providers and patients;**
- (2) identify methods, other than a mandate, to increase the number of people vaccinated against human papillomavirus;**
- (3) identify methods to increase use of evidence based screening to increase the number of people screened regularly for cervical cancer;**
- (4) review current technologies and best practices for cervical cancer screening;**
- (5) review technology available to diagnose and prevent infection by human papillomavirus;**
- (6) develop methods for creating partnerships with public and private entities to increase awareness of cervical cancer and of the importance of vaccination education and regular screening;**
- (7) review current human papillomavirus prevention, screening, treatment, and related activities in Indiana and identify areas in which the services for those activities are lacking;**
- (8) estimate the annual direct and indirect state health care costs attributable to cervical cancer; and**
- (9) identify actions necessary to increase vaccination and**



screening rates and to reduce the morbidity and mortality from cervical cancer, and establish a schedule for implementing those actions.

Sec. 3. Before December 31, 2018, the state department shall deliver a written report to the governor and, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the general assembly that includes:

- (1) the strategic plan developed under section 1 of this chapter; and**
- (2) recommendations on goal implementation and schedule compliance related to the strategic plan developed under section 1 of this chapter.**

Sec. 4. This chapter expires January 1, 2019.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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